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YANGTSE RIVER DISASTER.

HSINTAMING SUNK IN COLLISION.

PASSENGERS IN PANIC WHEN VESSELS CRASH.

THREE HUNDRED DEAD

Shanghai, Feb. 20.

The terrible disaster off Chinkiang when the s.s. Atsuta Maru was in collision with the s.s. Hsintaming, involving the loss of over three hundred lives in harrowing circumstances, is graphically described by the master of the Japanese steamer.

The Hsintaming sank in an hour, but rescue work was impossible owing to the panic which overcame the Chinese passengers.

The master of the Atsuta Maru, a 1,300 tons steamer, states that the vessel was sailing down the river and had reached a point about 30 miles east of Chinkiang, when two small steamers were observed to be leaving the small river port, Taipingchow, and were making up river.

Attempt to Cross Bows.

The second of the steamers, the ill-fated Hsintaming attempted to cross the bows of the Atsuta Maru. A collision seemed imminent and although the Japanese steamer reversed her engines, the Hsintaming, a 700 tonner, crashed into her port side, the Atsuta Maru being holed.

The damage to the Chinese steamer was even more severe. Her bows were crushed below the water-line and she made water fairly rapidly.

Majority Go Down With Vessel.

The Hsintaming floated for about an hour, but there were 550 Chinese passengers on board the vessel and a panic started which quickly spread throughout, the men running about and interfering unintentionally with attempts at rescue.

A great many of the passengers jumped into the water, but the majority went down with the ill-fated steamer.

The Atsuta Maru and a number of junks rescued about a hundred of the victims of the disaster, but even of these a great many died of cold and exposure.

It is estimated that between 300 and 400 perished in the calamity.—Reuter.

CUTTING DOWN THE CRUDE.

SETTLING THE WORLD OIL DISPUTE.

London, Feb. 20.

The *Journal of Commerce* publishes a statement to the effect that negotiations are being conducted for the purpose of restricting the production of crude oil.

The restriction is regarded as a preliminary to a settlement of world oil dispute, and follows a report that the Standard Oil Company was willing to earmark certain proceeds of the sale of Russian oil for the benefit of ex-owners of the wells who had been unable to obtain compensation.

The crude oil restriction measures will begin in Venezuela where the oil-wells belong to a few large producers who can easily agree to cut down the output.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HANKOW ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS AND MANY EXECUTIONS.

Hankow, Feb. 20.

A further 29 alleged Communists were executed to-day, while large numbers of prisoners rounded up in anti-Red raids are being held for trial.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Wholesale arrests still continue and the campaign, if anything, is more intensive than before.—*Reuter*.

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SWEEPING SOVIET PROPOSALS.

COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IN FOUR YEARS.

DRAFT TO LEAGUE.

Geneva, Feb. 20. The sittings of the Committee of Arbitration and Security, which are regarded as of extreme importance, have opened.

A representative of the Soviet Government, who was present as an observer, submitted to the League Secretariat, the draft Convention for General Disarmament based on the proposals of M. Litvinoff last year in December.—Reuter.

Four Year Limit.

Moscow, Feb. 20. The draft of the Disarmament Convention sent to the League of Nations aims at general complete disarmament within four years, fifty per cent. of the demobilisation to take place the first year.

It also provides that the total destruction of all stores and arms, and the abolition of all the most important naval armaments and Air Forces and of all war institutions should be brought about in the following three years.

International Commission.

The Soviet also proposes the establishment of a Permanent International Commission to control the Commission in each country. These regional Commissions will be charged with the execution of the Convention.

Representatives of the different legislatures, of public organisations, and of the "leisure class" will sit, proposed, sit on the Regional Commissions.—Reuter.

VICTIMS OF "RED" TERRORISM.

PATHETIC APPEAL TO THE CANTON GOVERNMENT.

REFUGEES AS BEGGARS

A pathetic appeal has been made by Chinese merchants of Hoifung and Lukfung, now in Hongkong, to the Canton Government, requesting help for the thousands of refugees from these districts at present in the Colony, at Shumchun, at Ping Woo, and at Canton.

The petition, which is signed by Messrs. Ho Che-keung, Chan Man-mong and many other Hoifung-Lukfung merchants, declares that these refugees, who have had to flee from Communist terrorism in their native districts, are in a most distressful condition and not a few of them have turned beggars. The petition asks the Canton Government:

1. To provide the refugees in Hongkong and the New Territory with free passages to Canton, where they should be fed and lodged at the expense of the Government;

2.—To send delegates to Shumchun, Ping Woo and other districts on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway where there are many refugees, to see that they are properly clothed and fed;

3.—To send a punitive expedition to Hoifung and Lukfung as soon as possible, with a view to exterminating the Communists, after which the Government should assist the people and guarantee them adequate means of protection from further "Red" terror.

U. S. WAR HEROES.

RELATIVES ENABLED TO VISIT GRAVES.

Washington, Feb. 20.

The House of Representatives has passed a Bill to enable the widows and mothers of American soldiers killed in the War and buried in Europe to visit the graves at the Government expense.

Visits not exceeding three weeks may be made at any time in the course of the next three years.—*Reuter's American Service*.

TO-DAY.

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MURDER OF AGED WOMAN.

CHINESE GIRL FOUND NOT GUILTY.

ACQUITTED AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS TO-DAY.

JUDGE'S SUMMING-UP.

The trial was concluded at the Criminal Sessions this morning of the Chinese girl, aged 17, who was charged with the murder of an old woman at Sui Wan, Cheung Chau, on December 21st. Accused was found not guilty and acquitted.

No evidence was called by the defence.

In his closing speech to the jury, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, who appears for the Crown, said the evidence presented many puzzling features. With regard to the girl making a report after the woman had been killed, Mr. Whyte Smith drew attention to the fact that the girl did not go to the first house and suggested that even if she had called out from the door of the house she lived in, she would most likely have been heard and received assistance.

Absent Witness.

He also spoke of the gold ornament and reviewed the evidence of the witnesses who had been called for the Crown. With regard to the two men who had absconded—the description was perhaps rather harsh—they had not appeared at the Criminal Sessions and the evidence was missing.

He submitted that the accused left the house with a man shortly after the cries were heard, and pointed out that consideration should be given to the fact that there were bloodstains on a jacket worn by the girl.

Addressing the jury on behalf of the prisoner, Mr. Instone Brewer said the Crown had stressed the fact that the girl did not go to the nearest house to make a report. He suggested that the explanation was that the girl went to the first house where there was a married woman. She would not go to huts which were inhabited by bachelors of the coolie class.

Shielding Some-One.

Mr. Brewer put forward a hypothetical case—that the crime had been committed by the man implicated by the girl in one of her relations. He suggested that the girl had been shielding someone and that the ornament was given away to make robbery appear to be the motive for the crime.

With regard to the two missing witnesses, the fact that they had not appeared tended to show that they were shielding someone.

They were not present because they were afraid someone would get the truth out of them.

Mr. Brewer then dealt with the points raised by the Crown, on which its case rested, and said they could all be answered. He submitted that there was no evidence on which the jury could convict the girl, and asked for her acquittal.

Unpleasant Duty.

In the course of a lengthy summing up, his Lordship, Mr. Justice Wood, said a most brutal murder had been committed and the jury were trying a girl on a charge of committing it. The consideration of the case was an unpleasant duty and he would ask them not to be influenced by the age of the accused.

Reviewing the evidence and the various statements made by the girl, his Lordship said the only sensible conclusion which could be come to was that both choppers were used in the attack on the old woman.

Continuing, his Lordship said there were reasons why the jury should not believe that the account of finding the pair of choppers was true. He suggested that there were grave reasons why they should not accept the whole of the prisoner's story, as finally told, as the true story. The first story might be explained by an

accused.

There being now 200 dwellings, this works out roughly at \$850 a house including temples, and should ensure a good type of building throughout.

Details are given of agricultural resumptions, and it is stated that in default of exchanges, as there is very little unoccupied agricultural land in the vicinity of the new villages, cash compensation will be paid, to enable the villagers themselves to purchase privately-owned land in place of their old holdings.

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MUSSOLINI LIKES BIG FAMILIES.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR FATHERS OR HEADS.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

Rome, Feb. 20. The Council of Ministers, on the proposal of Signor Mussolini, has approved the Electoral Reform Bill, under which the Kingdom will form a single Electoral College of Deputies to the number of 400 candidates to be proposed by the thirteen large national corporations and other organisations import to national life.

The names will be examined by the Grand Council of Fascism, which will be empowered to add to those selected, the names of men distinguished in science, literature, art and politics. The Council also adopted the proposal of Signor Mussolini exempting from the payment of taxes, the fathers or heads of

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI.

ROBBER BROUGHT TO BAY AND SHOT DOWN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

Armed highway robbery in broad daylight in the Avenue Alfred VII this morning, developed into another Sidney Street affair in a miniature scale.

A lone robber, held up a coolie employed by two and a half known shipping firm and robbed him of a certain amount of money. Police whistles in which the robbers affected brought the robber to bay in the region.

All avenues of escape were closed up, but after over two hours, the robber was undetected.

Eventually he failed to stifle a cough, and his hiding-place in a doorway was discovered. A brief passage of arms followed, the robber being shot down severely wounded, though he may recover.

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Details of the transfer are given in the sessional paper, and these show that the largest number (540) will move to Kam Tin.

The cost of preparing the sites for the new villages is as follows:—Kam Tin, \$5,000; Tant Sing Kong, \$1,300; Pan Chung, \$10,000; Shek Ku Lung, \$500; Ping Kong, \$1,000; Wo Hop Shek, \$1,700; Nam Shui Po, \$5,000; Fung Yuen, \$7,000; total \$31,500.

This will be done exclusively by Government, and provision has been made in the 1928 Estimates to cover the expenditure.

The cost of making eight wells at Kam Tin, Pan Chung, Wo Hop Shek, Ping Kong, Yu Kok, Tant Sing Kong and Nam Shui Po is \$2,400.

PRESENTS EXCHANGED

FUR COATS AND HORSES FOR CHIANG.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

In return for Marshal Chiang's present to him, and his officials, General Feng Yu-hsiang has made a present to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, including a thousand fur coats and 200 horses.

On requests by Marshal Yen Shi-san and General Feng Yu-hsiang, the Military Council at Nanking has decided to transfer part of the Nationalist forces now in Hunan to the Northern front, as the Hunan War has nearly come to an end.

All the Kuomintang forces have been moved to the Chochow (South-Western Shantung) and Taiming (South Chihli) fronts, except the troops under General Yao Wei-chun, who has been instructed by Marshal Feng to take charge in the defence of Honan.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

INDIAN AGITATION.

SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.

Huge processions of volunteers carrying huge banners, "Go Back Simod," and "Boycott Foreign Goods Particularly Cloth" paraded north and south Calcutta this morning.

The congress afterwards congregated and swore an oath not to wear British cloth till Swaraj is attained.—*Reuter*.

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EIGHT VILLAGES TO GO.

SHING MUN VALLEY FLITTING.

COSTS GOVERNMENT NEARLY THREE LAKHS.

FINDING NEW HOMES.

Eight Chinese villages in the Shing Mun district, in which over 800 Hakka reside, have to be evacuated by reason of the land being needed in connexion with the big water works scheme across the harbour, and the manner in which the new homes are being found for these people is fully

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Y.M.C. DEBATE.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION DISCUSSED.

At St. Peter's Church, Young Men's Club last night the motion was debated "That a University education is not a necessary prelude to a successful career." The motion did not create a lot of discussion and was eventually defeated by 15 votes to ten.

In moving the motion Mr. R. H. Hollis remarked that if such education was necessary to success then even a bar boy should have a degree. Taking the case of Gene Tunney, the world's heavyweight champion boxer, Mr. Hollis pointed out that Tunney had never been through a university and if money was a judge that a man had spent a successful career, then Tunney was such a man. A university education, he maintained, was a hindrance to a successful business career as business men required a tenacity of purpose, and a university did not give that. Such an education was of too broad character to enable a man to work for one purpose in life.

In opposing the motion the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M. A., argued on the example that Mr. Hollis had taken. If boxing could be a successful career, he said, so a pirate chief could make a success of his trade. Could that be called a successful career, he asked? He (the speaker) would certainly not be on that side. Remarking that the same applied to pickpockets, the speaker contended that money was no way of judging success. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, of every ten successful men, seven had had a university education. Politicians must be well educated. The Labour movement in London failed because an educated leader was lacking. University education was essential to doctors and lawyers, and the same applied to clergy and engineers.

Seconding the motion Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A., said he was not speaking against education in general but against the necessity of a university education. In support of the motion he mentioned Shakespeare, Sir Walter Raleigh, Oliver Cromwell, whom he described as being the type of man needed in China to-day, and James Watt. All of those men, he said, with one exception had not been given a university education and yet they had left their mark in history. The exception was Sir Walter Raleigh, who was at a university for only a short time, and found it was not beneficial to him.

The opposition was seconded by Miss M. M. Clark who said that a university education was the first rung in the ladder of success. It trained the mind to a wide reasoning and without such education one could not cope with life's problems as they should be coped with. If one could not deal with life's problems then one could not be considered a success.

SIMON COMMISSION WELCOMED.

CALCUTTA IN HAPPY MOOD.

Calcutta, Feb. 20.

European and Indian officials and non-officials, also representatives of the Moslem, Marwari and Anglo-Indian depressed classes and communities welcomed the Simon Commission and garlanded the commissioners, who drove to Government House.

The only evidence of hostility was a single banner inscribed "Simon Go Back."

Interviewed later Sir John Simon referred to the Assembly's boycott motion as a misfortune but did not think the majority of sit decided the issue for All-India or for all time. He added that the Commission had its own plans and would carry through its work to the real advantage of India.—Reuters.

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Prisoner said, in answer to other questions, that include among his belongings were \$30 odd in money

SEVEN YEARS HARD.

ANOTHER CHARGED IN DECEMBER AFFAIR.

Another of the men arrested during the affray between police and armed robbers in the early morning of December 7 appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. Named Chiu Chi-chien he is charged with committing a robbery, with others, at a restaurant carrying on business at 160 Queen's Road West, with shooting at a Chinese constable with intent to maim, disfigure or disable him and to evade arrest, and with being in possession of a pistol and five rounds of ammunition without a licence or lawful authority.

Detective Inspector Lane spoke of taking over the case, saying that he was handed a revolver containing five rounds, four being live. Witness also spoke of the prisoner being picked out at identification parades.

An interpreter gave evidence with regard to the prisoner's statements which he made at the police station. The prisoner admitted these statements.

Prisoner's Story.

This closed the case for the Crown and the prisoner elected to tell his story from the witness box. He said he had two businesses, one being a medicine shop at Sai Ying Pun, West Point, and the other a clock and watch makers' shop in Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. "I made a mistake on this occasion, being induced by a friend of mine."

On the evening preceding the affray, prisoner continued, he went to see a man named Chan Tsui-ke, where he played Mah Jongg until a little after one o'clock in the morning. When he left the house he met a man named Chan Yau who asked him to go and have some supper. Chan Yau took him to a latrine near the Chinese recreation ground, where he produced a firearm and handed it to prisoner, asking him to keep it for a while.

They then went to the restaurant and had supper, incurring a bill for 80 cents. Prisoner said he did not know that Chan Yau's intention was to rob the restaurant. Prisoner paid the money for the food and intended to go away, but Chan Yau pulled him back. The other men produced revolvers and tied the people up. Prisoner did not know how much money was taken and denied that he took part in the robbing of the restaurant.

They all left the restaurant after staying 20 or 25 minutes when prisoner handed the revolver back to Chan Yau who, however, refused to take it and ordered him to "go ahead."

Shooting Denied.

When they reached the fruit market they met four or five policemen who came to search them. Prisoner put up his hands on being told to do so and three of the policemen threw their arms round him and took his gun away. Then Chan Yau, who was wearing a long coat, fired at the police. Prisoner was then arrested and was taken to the police station.

His Lordship asked prisoner how he explained the fact that, if he did not fire, yet there was one discharged cartridge in his revolver.

Prisoner replied the only explanation he could give was that during the struggle between Chan Yau and the police, which was after his (prisoner's) revolver had been taken from him, the revolver was discharged.

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FATHER AND SON.

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING STOLEN PIECEGOODS.

Six Chinese appeared before Major C. Wilson yesterday afternoon on charges of receiving, arising from the theft of goods from a number of piece-goods shops in the City. It was proposed by the police to use the evidence of four of those men in proceedings against the remaining two men, Kwan To and Kwan King, father and son, who were defended by Mr. C. A. S. Rines.

Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker deposed that at half-past-one in the early morning of the 6th instant, by virtue of a warrant, he raided the third floor of No. 20 Wellington Street, where he found the older Kwan lying asleep on a bed. The bed was turned over and amongst the articles found in a cash box were a piece of cloth, two dry cleaning tickets and 35 pawn tickets relating to goods pawned during the last two months. The prisoner was also wearing a jersey, now produced as one of the lot of 40 jerseys reported to have been stolen from a piece-goods shop.

The younger Kwan was lying asleep in a cubicle, which, when searched, was also found to contain several other pieces of cloth. While being interrogated after being taken to the Police Station, this defendant admitted he had a number of other jerseys in the house, which were overlooked during the raid, and a constable was sent out to seize these as well.

Evidence was given by several dealers in silk and piece goods to the effect that robberies had occurred at their shop within the last two months. Each one of the witnesses identified some articles, produced by the police, as being their property.

A painter who lived at 99 Wellington Street said he and the younger defendant were both employed by a certain electric company and that they usually left the house at about six in the morning every day. This witness recalled one occasion when he was awakened by someone who called on the older defendant at a very early hour, about a fortnight ago, to negotiate the sale of some cloth.

One of the four remaining defendants was next called and after pleading guilty to certain thefts stated that he remembered some of his accomplices taking the stolen property to No. 99 Wellington Street. The witness said that he had never sold anything to either of the defendants, but gave the name of one of the accomplices who acted as salesman on behalf of his gang.

The hearing will be continued on Thursday afternoon, the prosecution indicating to his Worship that they have further witnesses to call.

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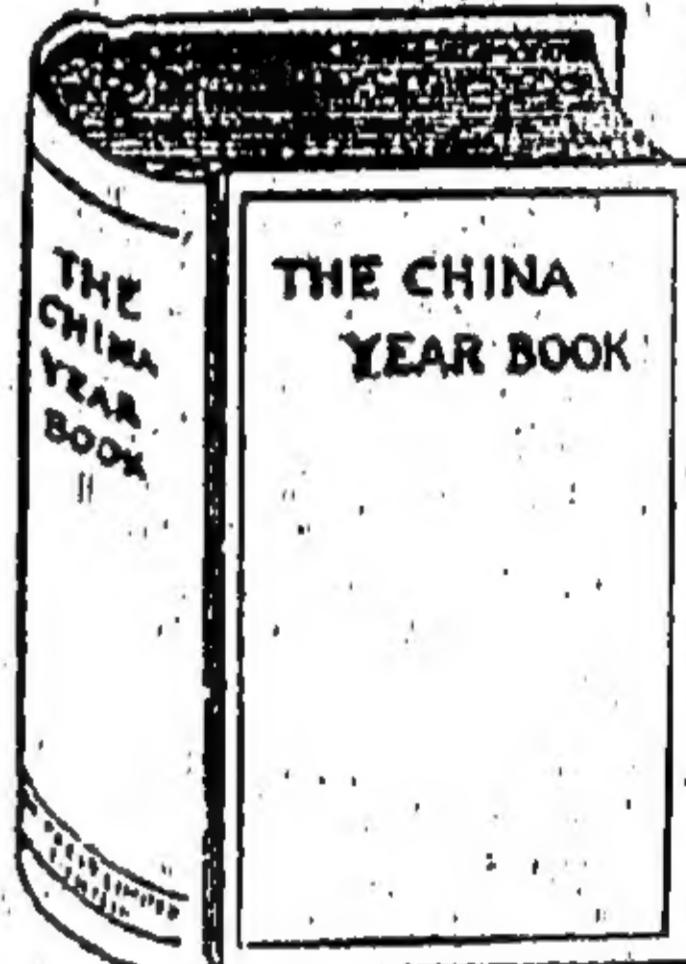
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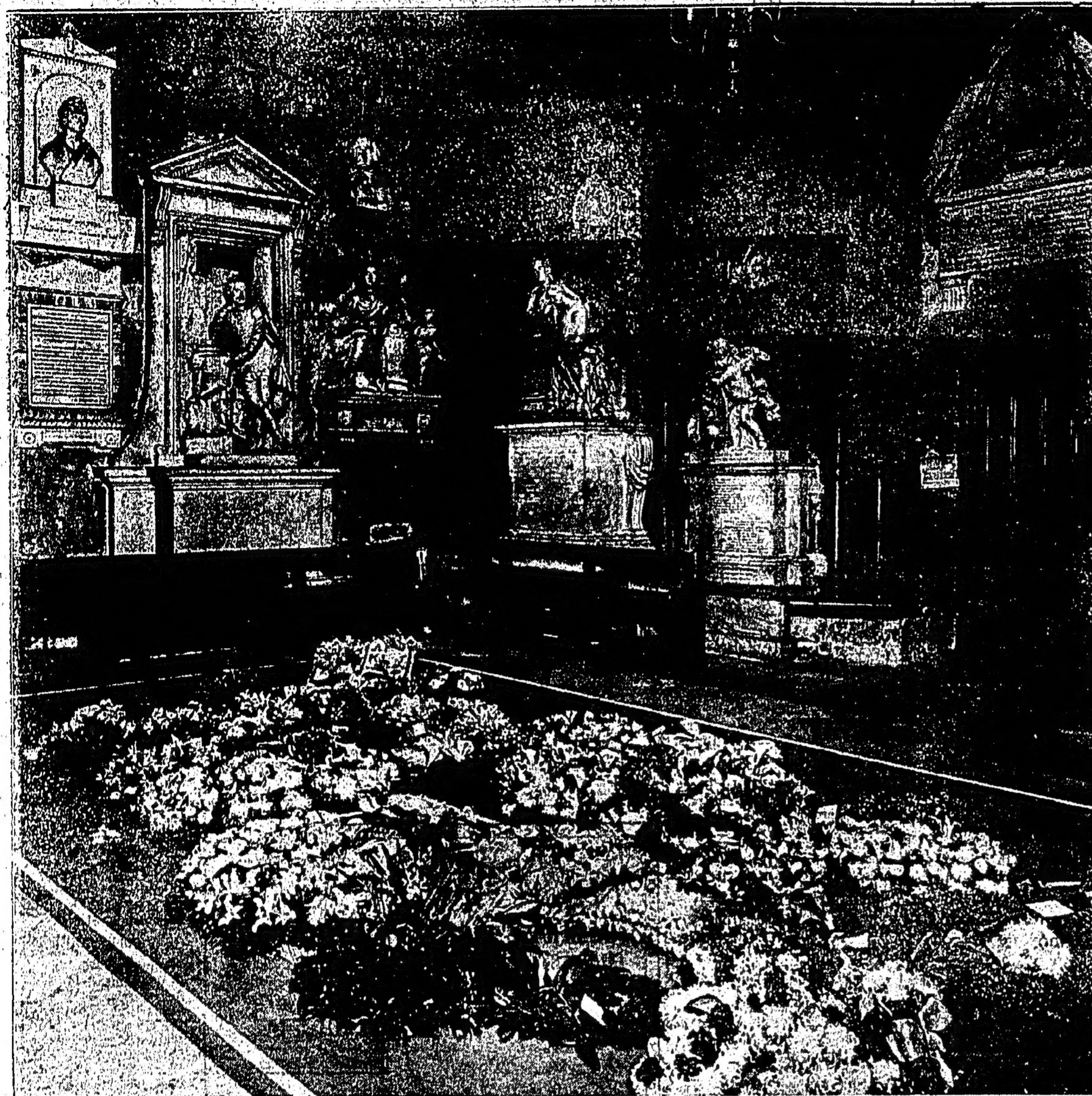
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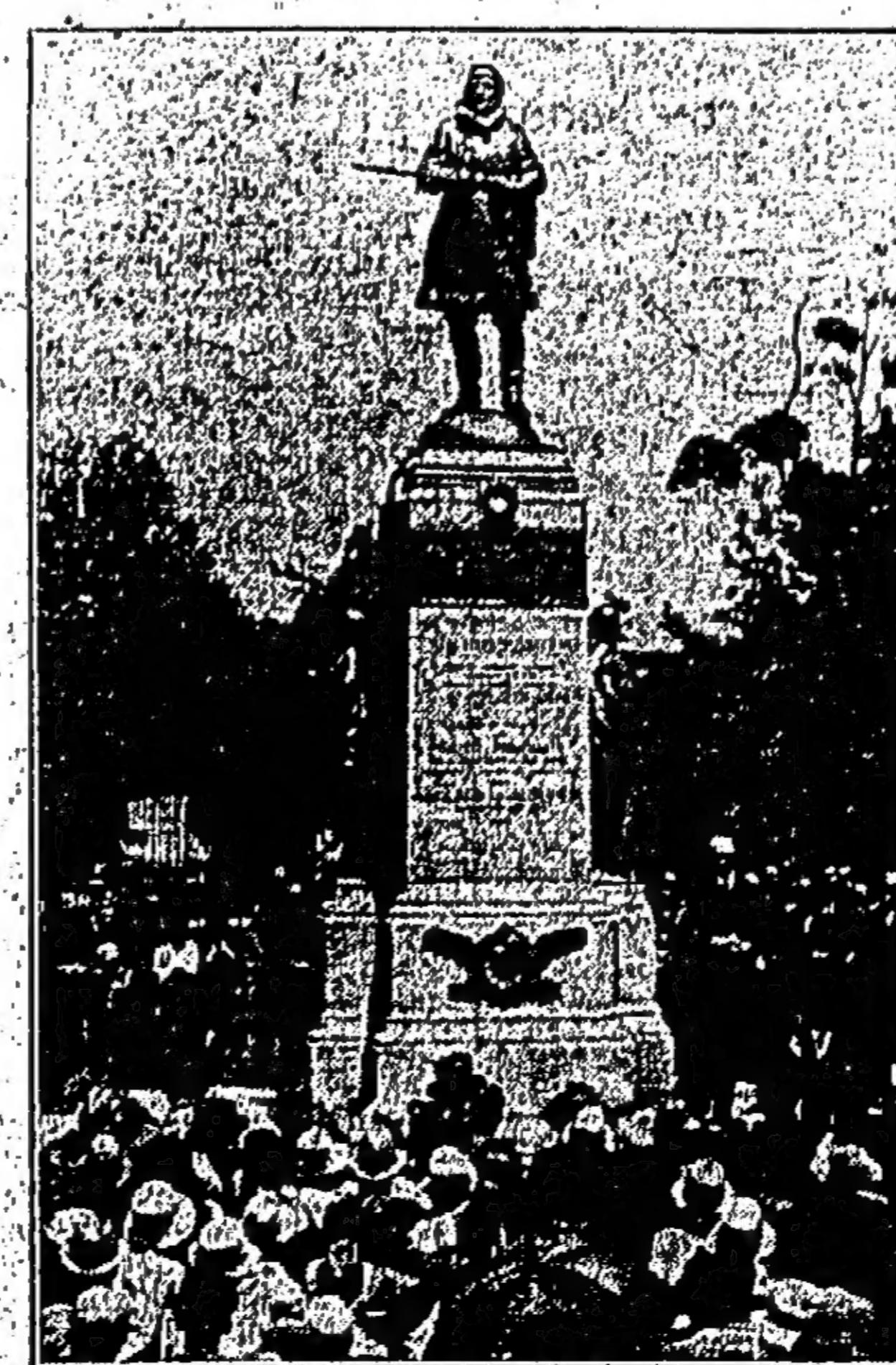
Group taken at the recent wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Hongkong, of Mr. T. W. Doyle the well-known jockey and Miss Alice Hart Brennan.



We don't know whether this Shanghai man felt embarrassed. The picture was taken at a party in the Northern port.

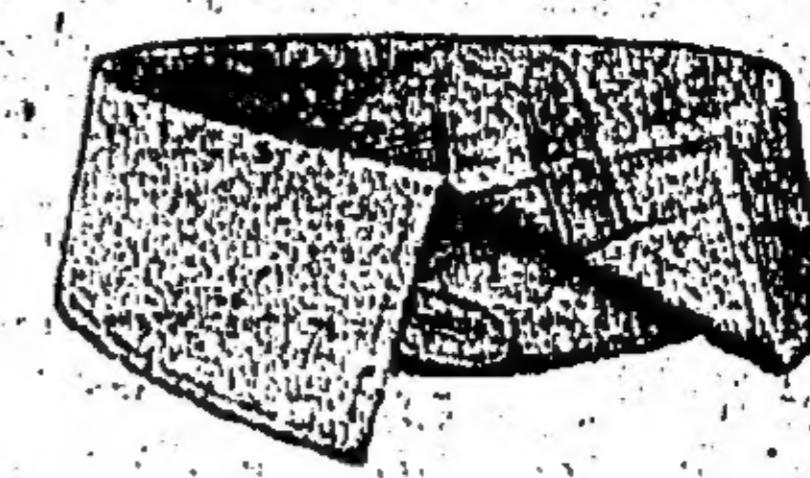


One of the diversions offered to troops in the north is that of learning to skate. Some of the Legation Guard are seen above trying their skill at a new sport.



Sir George Murray, Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia, speaking after he had unveiled the statue of the late Sir Ross Smith in the Municipal Gardens at Adelaide. It is the work of Mr. Brook Hitch.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February, to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Feb. 1928.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
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JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

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The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday 25th February, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linfield and Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday 24th February, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etcetera, will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

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Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Sunday, the 26th
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Terms.—Cash on Delivery.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1928.

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mencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 25,
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Washington, Feb. 16.

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Board to-day announced the sale of
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PARIS, Jan. 20.—M. Moatti, de-
scribed as a Director of the Societe Fonciere de Calvados, Mme. Mon-
tazet, his secretary, and M. Mantelot, his cashier, have been
ordered by the Examining Magistrate to appear before the Cor-
rectional Tribunal on the charge
of having defrauded a London bank
of 8,000,000 francs (over \$60,000)
by means of fraudulent letters of
transfer.

Three members of a reactionary
Circassian band, led by Hajji

Samy, who landed on the Smyrna

coast from Samos with the object

of making an attempt on the lives

of Turkish leaders at Angora, were
hanged on the bridge-head at Stam-
boul. A crowd of sightseers wit-
nessed the spectacle.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from the 20th, Febru-

ary, 1928.

TERMS.—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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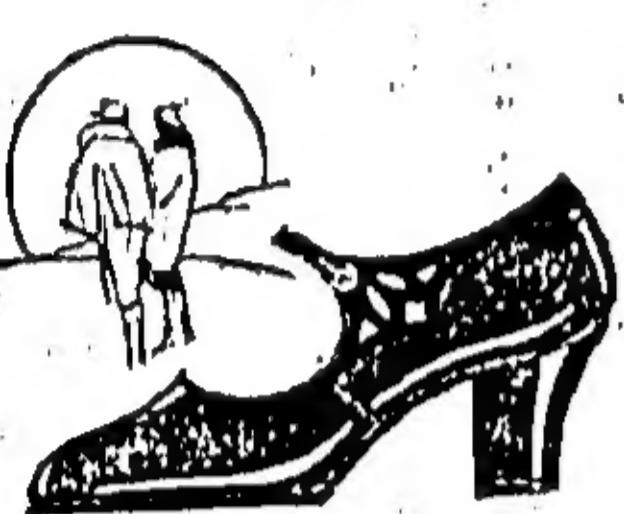
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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSURED.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

Shanghai, Feb. 14. The Nationalist Government today took a further step toward guaranteeing religious liberty in China by promulgating a mandate forbidding Chinese to use Soviet coined slogans such as "Down with Christianity and other religions," "Religion is the opiate of people," etc.

While the Chinese Republican Constitution provides religious liberty in China the clause has been largely inoperative since the introduction of Soviet influence in the Nationalist movement which resulted in driving most American and other foreign Protestant missionaries from the interior of China and in wholesale persecution of the Chinese Christians.

Several weeks ago the Nationalist Government passed an ordinance reaffirming religious liberty and invited American and other foreign missionaries to resume their posts in the interior.

To-day's action, it is hoped, will be effective in preventing anti-Christian agitation which is still prevalent in the interior among the uneducated classes.

Many American missionaries are now resuming their posts in the Yangtze valley provinces but the leaders of the American mission board are following the principle of not sending missionaries to the interior except upon the invitations extended by Chinese Christian bodies which have continued activities since the evacuation of the American missionaries last spring.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL TO-DAY.

The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow is the screen version of Anne Douglas Sedgwick's novel, "The Little French Girl," which caused a sensation in the world of fiction. Herbert Brenon, who produced "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan," directed the production, which features Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Mary Brian and Esther Ralston.

The story is one of Alix Vervier, the little French girl, whose mother's mode of life makes a suitable marriage impossible for her in France. She goes to the home of friends in England. How she finally finds happiness in spite of the past and differences in social standards between the two countries makes "The Little French Girl" an extremely interesting film. Cinema-goers should note that there will be no 5.15 movie performance in the Queen's Theatre to-morrow afternoon, as Miss Violet Capell's pupils are giving a dancing display at that time.

THE BAT.

THRILLING PICTURE AT THE STAR.

One of the best mystery films yet shown in Hongkong is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. This is "The Bat" which is based on the stage play by Mary Roberts Rhinehart and Avery Hopwood. The story begins with the attempt of a diabolical criminal known as "The Bat" to rob a bank. When he arrives to carry out his scheme he finds that someone has already rifled the safe. "The Bat" sets out to rob the robber and the pursuit leads to a haunted house where many sensational developments take place.

The leading players in "The Bat" are Jewel Carmen, Jack Pickford and Louise Fazenda. K. Sojin, the Oriental actor who played a big part in "The Chinese Parrot," heads the supporting cast.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



Even Jay Knows



By Blosser

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

London Gossip.

[BY "JOAN"]

London, Jan. 16. To celebrate his 23rd birthday, Cecil Beaton gives a cocktail party in Sussex Gardens.

This artist-designer photographer is off to the Riviera with his mother. Before going he has finished drawings for the "Fashions of the Future," which will be seen at the "Dream of Fair Women" Pageant at Claridge's towards the end of February.

This entertainment is in aid of the Winter Distress League, and Lady Plunket is inviting the young members of society to represent the fashionable caprice of women from pre-historic times to a quarter of a century hence.

Witty Attire.

Mr. Beaton murmured to me about his plans for these frocks of the future.

"Woman's next idea will be to dress with humour. They like to be witty about their clothes. They like to be daring."

"Colours will be striking and contrasting. I believe, too, that they will achieve effect from inexpensive stuffs, and I am sure that oilcloth will be worn a great deal. It is cheap and practical. Then, too, the tendency is to wear as little as propriety and our climate allow."

A New Peeress.

Lady Lugard, whose husband was formerly Governor in Hongkong, and who was recently raised to the Peerage, was, as Miss Flora Shaw, the most famous woman journalist Britain has yet produced. She was not only a very competent and occasionally brilliant writer. She was also a very competent hunter of news.

She was the only woman Cecil Rhodes ever became very friendly with. He trusted her with his secrets. He told her his plans. When the Jameson Raid took place she knew all about it beforehand, and kept the people in this country informed of its progress. Journalism was the poorer when she married and gave it up.

A Film Anthology.

Young Robert Herring, formerly of Kings, Cambridge, is bringing out an anthology of the moving picture called "Films of 1927." The book will be profusely illustrated and contain the comments

Smart Socklets.



The modern golfer has appropriated the Alpine climbers' woollen socklets, wearing them in harmonizing colours with her costume.

Platinum Find.

BIG QUANTITIES IN SIERRA LEONE.

Investigations in Sierra Leone by the director of the geological survey, Major N. R. Junner, have revealed the existence of a

A House Frock.



This distinctive house-frock is developed in coffee-coloured crepe de chine, with collar and cuffs of shell-pink georgette. The touches of gauging on the cascade draperies on both bodice and skirt are interesting features.

platinum-bearing area about 40 square miles in extent.

The deposits are alluvial, and states the Colonial Office, are likely to be of considerable importance.

One nugget of platinum, weighing 4 1/2 dwt., and some smaller grains, found by Major Junner, have been presented to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

An analysis made by the Imperial Institute shows that the platinum compares very favourably in composition with that from the Urals and from South Africa.

of this zealous supporter of the cinema.

I imagine the young author is selecting "Faust," "The Marriage of the Bear," and "The Waltz Dream" as the best of the year, and his views should prove of real interest.

Concerning the Cinema. There is no doubt about Mr. Herring's seriousness about the cinema. He tells me he is going to Switzerland to join a group

Decorative Screens.

ADD BEAUTY TO A ROOM.

The charm and utility of screens in the home has been appreciated through the centuries, and, once again the artistic screen is a prominent feature in the up-to-the-minute scheme of house furnishing.

Many of us could unearth an old three or four-fold screen from the musty recesses of our storage cupboards, and if we can, and will apply a little ingenuity to the furnishing of it, we can have a pretty addition to the home at very little cost.

A screen made of canvas is easily repainted and even if we can lay no claim to being artists, this is a job we can easily manage. A screen which has to go in a room already sporting a colour scheme could be painted to tone with these colours, or, a successful alternative idea lies in a pot of gold paint. A screen with a gold background could have flowers, birds or some other decorative pattern stencilled upon it, to introduce touches of bright colour.

Another method of rejuvenating an old screen is to cut lengths of black raffia, the size of each screen-fold—allowing half an inch all round for fixing on afterwards—and then cut out from odd pieces of cretonne, flowers or birds which can be neatly applied by needle on to the raffia. The artistic eye could see innumerable opportunities here for pretty schemes. The lengths of material can be fixed to the structure of the screen with tiny black-headed drawing pins, and the pieces allowed for turnings can be neatly folded under so that the result is tidy as well as artistic.

A screen at the head of the bed, or a screen in the drawing-room, to keep draughts from the settee or lounge chair, is always a happy addition, and if we have a standard lamp which can be placed near the screen so that the colours are thrown into relief in artificial light, the effect is even more beautiful.

"whose belief in the cinema is leading them to make themselves the kind of film they want to see, instead of putting up with the banalities they are given.

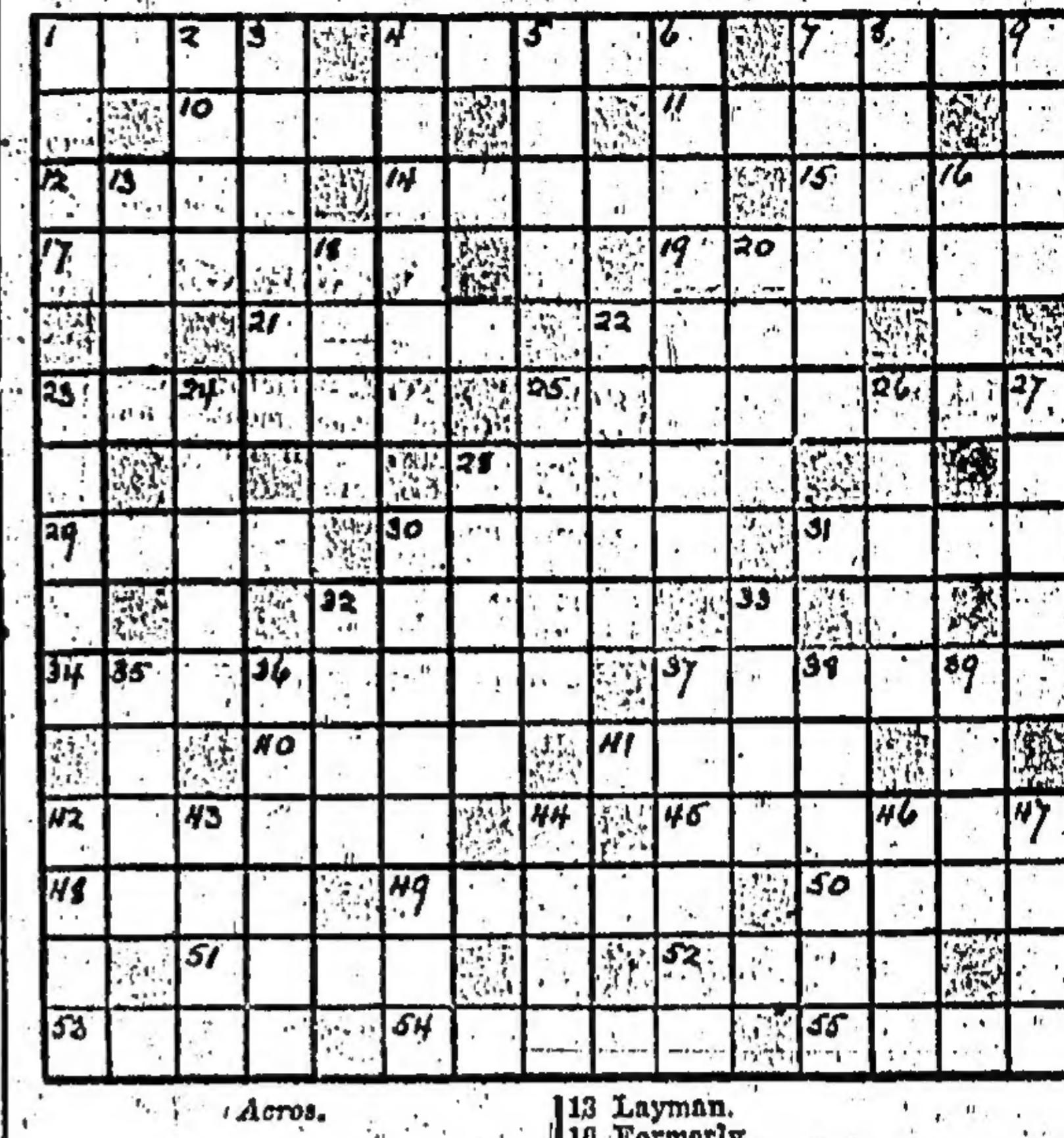
"A film ought to have as careful choreography as a ballet." That's efficiency for you.

Butterfly Fashion.



A new novelty, recently launched, is a pin-on butterfly to be worn on the lapel, shoulder or sports hat. It is made of stiffened silk, painted realistically to give the effect of a live butterfly.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



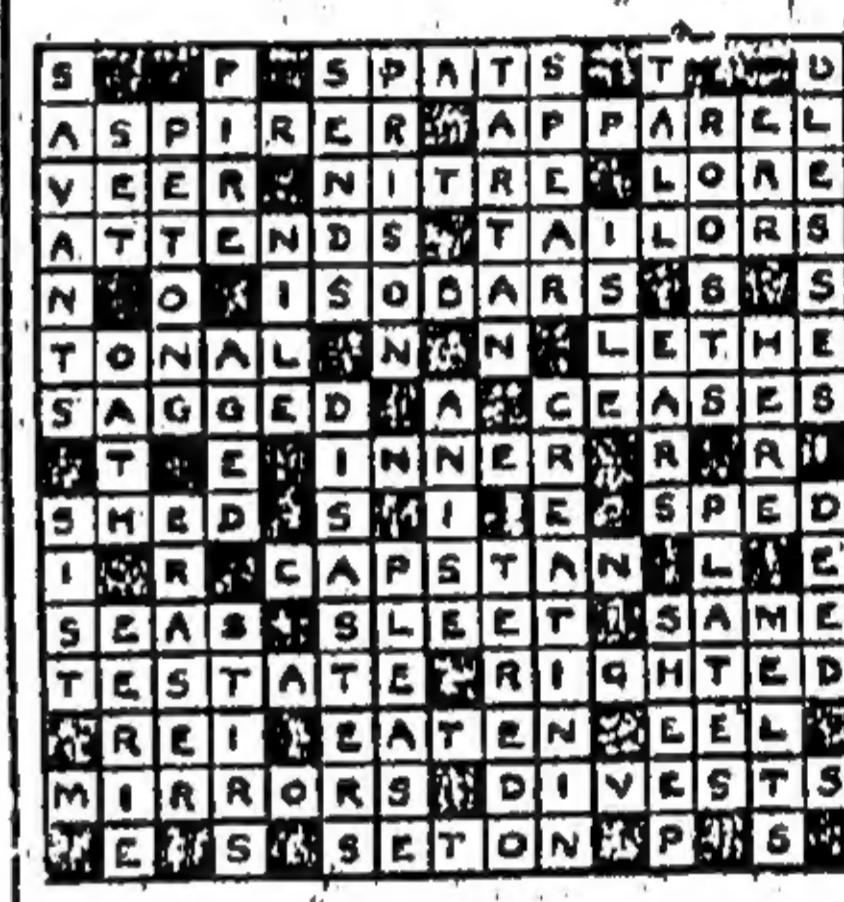
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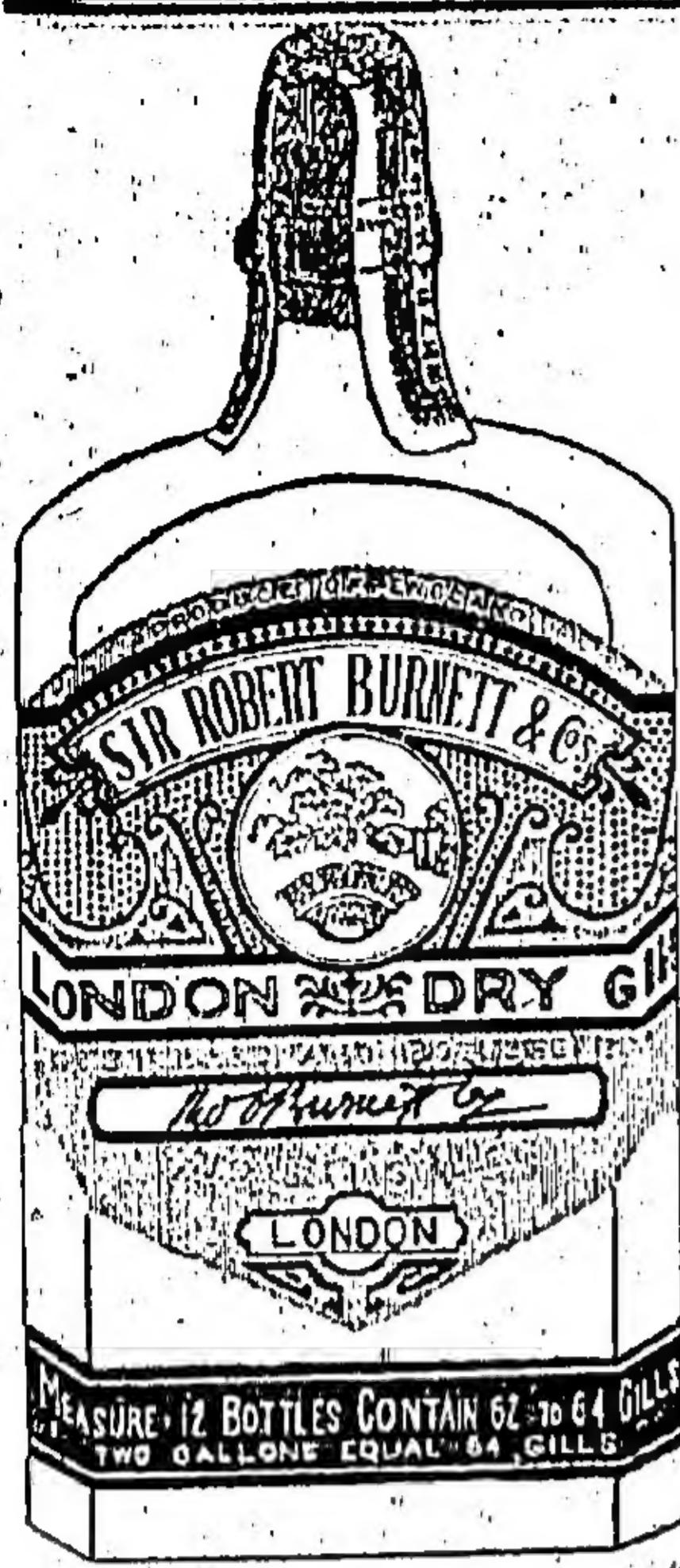
- 1 Exclamation indicating rebuke.
- 2 Rock.
- 3 Fly with haste.
- 4 Hair net.
- 5 That on which a wheel turns.
- 6 Defect.
- 7 Odd.
- 8 Notion.
- 9 Inn.
- 10 Taunt.
- 11 Notches.
- 12 Tear.
- 13 Mixture of vegetables.
- 14 Toll.
- 15 Edible European mushroom.
- 16 Pull against the bit.
- 17 British wild animals.
- 18 Regards.
- 19 Strip.
- 20 Metals in their impure states.
- 21 Species of barley.
- 22 Striking part in machines.
- 23 Private.
- 24 Structure of a bow shape.
- 25 Sky blue.
- 26 Young children.
- 27 Command.
- 28 Apartment.
- 29 Graceful animal.
- 30 Put in action.
- 31 Hind part.

Down.

- 1 Cluster.
- 2 Cleatrix.
- 3 Ship's cable.
- 4 Embraces closely.
- 5 To.
- 6 Pertaining to tactics.
- 7 Splitter.
- 8 Yield.
- 9 Ecclesiastical dignitary.

Yesterday's Puzzle.





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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21, 1928.

A KOWLOON MEMBER.

The plea made at last night's annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents Association, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to appoint a Kowloon resident to fill the next Unofficial seat vacant on the Legislative Council, is one with which we find ourselves in complete agreement. At the present time, two of our non-Chinese Unofficials are nominated by His Excellency, and although the choice in each instance is beyond cavil, we do think the time has arrived when Kowloon should have its own representative. The steady growth of the peninsula, and the multiplicity and importance of Kowloon matters that constantly call for attention, serve to illustrate the reasonability of the plea.

Some few years ago, the question of Constitutional Reform was much to the fore. Most of us can recall the petition which was sent to the House of Commons on the subject and the set-back which the movement received because of certain irregularities in the form in which that petition was presented. Subsequently, other developments occurred which resulted in the question being relegated to the background. Since then, the Constitutional Reform Association has, like so many other Hongkong organisations, ceased to function, and the scheme which it sponsored has been almost forgotten. Eventually, no doubt, the Constitutional Reform issue, in one form or another, will again be raised, especially as it is being dealt with in some of the other Crown Colonies, notably in Ceylon, where a Commission from Home is at present investigating the question. It is admittedly a difficult problem, involving complex issues which will have to be very carefully handled. From the remarks made by its President, the Kowloon Residents Association appreciates that fact, and accordingly no attempt is made to revive the general question of Legislative Council reform. Confining itself to practical politics, the Association merely throws out the hint that, without any change being made in the method of selecting Council members, at least one of His Excellency's nominees should be a resident who is in daily touch with Kowloon matters. There is, as we see the matter, every reason why this suggestion should be

acted upon. In all, there are six Unofficial members of the Council. Besides the two non-Chinese members nominated by His Excellency, there is one representing the Chamber of Commerce and another the Justices of the Peace, whilst the two remaining seats are occupied by Chinese gentlemen chosen by His Excellency. The point to be stressed is that every one of these six members is a Hongkong resident, so that Kowloon errs, if it errs at all, on the side of modesty when it suggests that one out of six be a bona fide Kowloon resident.

The monopoly in Council seats enjoyed by Hongkong residents no doubt suited the conditions which prevailed when Kowloon was not the big residential district that it has since become. At that time, very few people foresaw present-day developments. The altered situation calls for a change in the allocation of Council seats. It is not us if there were no civic spirit in Kowloon or that there are not men fitted to be numbered amongst the Colony's legislators. If it has done nothing else, the continued existence of the Kowloon Residents Association has proved that there are men across the harbour who are conversant with Kowloon's needs, who are anxious to assist in its progress and development, and who would be eminently suited to hold a watching brief in the Council Chamber on behalf of residents of the peninsula. We therefore hope that the Association will lay respectfully before His Excellency the suggestion put forward at last night's meeting, and that the proposal will meet with the favourable consideration which it merits.

British Driver's Triumph.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, the intrepid British racing motorist, attained the terrific speed of 206.06 miles an hour on the Daytona Beach in Florida on Sunday, exceeding the world's motor-car speed record by over three miles an hour, and winning the 1,000 guinea trophy presented by Sir Charles Wakefield for Great Britain. The exploit was a personal triumph for the driver, and a wonderful tribute to British engineering. Captain Campbell literally held his life in his hands as his famous car, the "Bluebird" swept down the eleven-mile course with the speed of a bullet, and, as to-day's cables show, he had a miraculous escape when his car violently swerved travelling at over 200 miles an hour. The fact that he righted the powerful and roaring vehicle and brought her safely to a standstill is sufficient answer to those who imagine the driver has merely to sit still and hold tight. Britain still retains the record for the fastest motor-car in the world, and the designers have been able to demonstrate that power alone will not succeed.

The "Bluebird" is minute in comparison with the machine with which Major H. O. D. Segrave set the record of 203.8 miles an hour last year, but her reduced wind resistance more than balanced the deficiency in power. We have heard it argued that for a motor-car driver to lay himself open to deadly danger in endeavouring to attain such amazing speeds on the land, is foolhardiness and serves no useful purpose.

Admittedly, 200 miles an hour over any road in these days out of the question, but that beggars the real point of the contests. In order that cars may safely attempt high speeds, special attention must be given to tyre construction, brakes, sparking plugs, and so on, while every part of the machine must be absolutely flawless. The research necessary to achieve perfection, and the proven ability of the gear employed to stand up to the terrific strain imposed, is of immense benefit from a scientific engineering point of view. It is super-human experimental efforts such as these that enable manufacturers to present the public with a car for normal use in which the breaking strain cannot be over-estimated.

A gold watch and other valuables are reported stolen from No. 5, Kwong Fung Terrace, first floor. According to a report made by the occupier of the house, Mr. P. C. Quock, two men entered the house, while he was out. One of the men engaged the maid-servant, who was left in charge of the house. In conversation, while the other entered a cubicle and stole the jewellery, the total value of which was placed by Mr. Quock at \$46.

Among passengers departing for Shanghai by s.s. President Jackson to-morrow at daylight, are a number of prominent Shanghai residents returning after the annual race meeting. Mr. Heard and Mr. Pete Hunt are travelling north together with Messrs. D. E. Sassoon, F. E. Elias, E. Gensburger, F. A. Pollock, Haimovitch and Mrs. R. S. Paterson. Mr. R. Bailey of the B.A.T. also returns to British Harbour of which 27 were

DAY BY DAY.

SAVE, SAVE, OH! SAVE ME FROM THE CANCER FRIEND.—Canning.

The B. I. s.s. Talumba, which left Moi on the 19th instant, is due here on Thursday morning.

All vessels arriving report strong monsoon conditions in the China Sea, both north and south.

Lady Chow is to distribute the prizes to pupils of the Bellfios Public School at Queen's College at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Coupons purchased for Miss Violet Capel's pupils' dancing display on the 22nd, 27th and 28th must be exchanged for tickets at Andersons.

H. M. Ships Hawkins and Argus sailed early yesterday morning for practices in Mirs Bay, co-operating with submarines, and will return to harbour before the week-end.

An amah reports to the police that while she was walking along Pokfulum Road yesterday, a Chinese came up to her from behind and snatched a pair of gold ear-rings which she was wearing.

A raid was carried out, last night, by Detective Sergeant Whant; on No. 43, Pokfulum Road, where, it is understood, a quantity of additional literature was seized. Four Chinese were arrested as a consequence of the raid.

A report was made to the police yesterday by Cheng U-ting to the effect that a folk, of his, who collected \$320 on behalf of the Yat Ming preserved fruit shop of Yau Ma Tei on the 8th of this month, had absconded with the money.

A tailor, of No. 5, Ladder Street, was victimised on February 11th, by a Chinese who paid him \$36 in forged notes, for the purchase of two suits of clothing. The man discovered the nature of the notes when he attempted to buy goods yesterday in Peel Street.

Captain Charles, residing at Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, reports that between the 11th and 21st of this month, some person stole from his room two amber necklaces and one string of pearls, which were kept in a small lacquered box. The loss is placed at \$90.

Although there have been no further hold-ups in the matter of British registration of vessels running in the Delta, it is understood that negotiations in respect of certain vessels on the West River run are proceeding satisfactorily, and there is little likelihood of further suspensions.

Serious injuries were suffered by an old Chinese woman when she accidentally fell in Pokfulum Road, near Mr. J. Arnold's house. Wounds were caused to her head which came heavily in contact with a rock on the road side. The woman was later taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where her condition is regarded as serious.

Captain Murakami of the Sodegara Maru, reports that the vessel left Canton for Keeling on February 12, but, encountering heavy weather, she was forced to anchor in Hainan Bay on February 16, remaining there until February 19. Heavy weather continuing, it was impossible to continue the voyage owing to shortage of steel wires and three pounds of brass wire in his possession.

Sergeant Meadows, of the Shaukiwan Police Station, described to his Worship the manner in which the stealing was done. Defendant showed the police a long pole with the fork of a tree, attached, which could easily be employed to pull down the wires.

The defendant denied he was arrested with the wires in his possession, and told his Worship that they were planted on him by the Chinese detective. His story was disbelieved.

The picture showing at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Tumbleweeds," a tale of the old Cherokee Land Strip, and of how it was settled by the homesteaders in 1889. Bill Hart plays a typical cowboy role and falls in love with a girl of the homestead army. Some of the scenes are splendid, notably the great land rush when thousands of people in every kind of vehicle and with every sort of steed, race to get the best claims.

A gold watch and other valuables are reported stolen from No. 5, Kwong Fung Terrace, first floor. According to a report made by the occupier of the house, Mr. P. C. Quock, two men entered the house, while he was out. One of the men engaged the maid-servant, who was left in charge of the house. In conversation, while the other entered a cubicle and stole the jewellery, the total value of which was placed by Mr. Quock at \$46.

This morning's Harbour Office report gives a fair tonnage, but the total of freights was low, although British vessels made a good return, with the highest earnings under both headings, while other exceptional returns were registered. Of the 16 arrivals, only five registered through cargo. British held the top place in the return with six arrivals and the same number of departures, of 13 and 13 respectively, leaving 71 vessels in harbour of which 27 were

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CORRECTION.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In your issue of last night appeared the following announcement:

"The Instone Banking Corporation is owned by a financial group of which Mr. N. Instone Brewer, a well known Hongkong barrister, is the foreign President, and Mr. Kwock Djien Eng, a permanent Nam Pak Hong merchant, the Chinese President. Mr. Kwock Djien Eng is the promoter of the North Point Reclamation scheme and is more familiarly known as the Java Sugar King."

This reference is obviously to our client, Mr. Kwock Djien Eng, and he has instructed us to inform you that he is not the Chinese President, or even a member of the financial group which owns the Instone Banking Corporation, in which in fact he has no interest.

Certain proposals were at one time under consideration which might have resulted in a connexion between our client and the Instone Banking Corporation. But these proposals did not survive the preliminary stages and have now been definitely abandoned and our client has no connexion with the Corporation.

We are informed by Mr. Instone Brewer on behalf of the Corporation that the announcement in question was made without their wish or knowledge.

We shall be obliged if you will publish the above.—Yours, etc., HASTINGS, DENNYS & BOWLEY, Hongkong, Feb. 21st, 1928.

A TELEPHONE WIRE THIEF CAUGHT.

FALLS INTO THE P.W.D. TRAP.

Sentences totalling six months' hard labour were passed by Mr. E. Lindell this morning on a Chinese who was convicted on charges of stealing telephone wires belonging to the Government and to the military authorities.

Evidence was given by Mr. W. Griggs of the P. W. D. and by Sergeant Bent of the Royal Corps of Signals to the effect that many thefts have occurred since the 1st of February.

The defendant was arrested after a cutting which took place on Saturday night. A supervisor of the Government line was "plugged in" and the exact time of the theft, which happened between Quarry Bay and Shaukiwan, was indicated.

A Chinese detective arrested the defendant with a bag containing three pounds of steel wires and three pounds of brass wire in his possession.

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OPIUM RUNNER FINED.

REVENUE OFFICERS MAKE TWO ARRESTS.

A Chinese described as "a runner" by Chief Revenue Officer Watt, was this morning fined \$3,000, or in default six months' hard labour on pleading guilty to being in possession of forty taels of prepared opium on board the a.s. Loongsang.

Another man, who was arrested on the Wing Lok Street Wharf with fifty taels of raw opium in his possession was given the option of a fine of \$1,000 or four months' hard labour.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 20.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.84
Berlin	20.42
Oslo	18.82
Helsingfors	19.84
Athens	87.74
Buenos Aires	47.20/32
Hongkong	2.04
New York	4.87/21/32
Amsterdam	12.12
Stockholm	18.37
Vienna	34.605
Madrid	28.785
Bucharest	19.4%
Bombay	1/15/16
Yokohama	35.02
Brussels	1/11/32
Milan	92.05
Copenhagen	18.50
Prague	104.7
Lisbon	2.18/04
Bid	5.60/64
Shanghai	2.62
Silver (spot)	20.8/16
Silver (forward)	26.4

British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The young man of to-day hasn't a chance (writes a correspondent). Long ago, when a girl was in danger, the young man would rush into the street and save her from the horse's hoofs or from the clutch of the villain. Her father would then present the hero with a valuable token of his esteem, and, likely as not, the rescued girl would be come his wife.

I saw a girl commence a reckless "say-walking" tour across a busy street the other day. When a gallant young man dashed into the road, seized her arm, and pulled her off the tramline. And did the girl fling her arms around his neck, or faint with elegant grace?

She glared at her benefactor. "What the devil do you mean?" she demanded.

The weaker sex—
Lies buried here one William Bold;

Departed from this life,
Because he went out in the cold Attired like his wife.

Lilac-scented cigars for women are said to be the latest.

PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.

EIGHT ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED.

BIGGEST SUMS NEEDED FOR RAILWAY.

TOTAL OF \$24,869.

Eight votes, totalling \$24,869, are to come up for consideration before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon. These are explained in a financial message as follows:

\$200 for Medical Department (Government Laboratory) for apparatus and chemicals)—Provision made in Estimates \$3,000.

The sum of \$200 for which a supplementary vote is requested represents an excess expenditure on the 1927 vote, required in payment of material ordered from the Crown Agents. The account for this was not rendered until 1928 and it is regretted that by an oversight sufficient savings were not retained in the vote to meet it.

Charitable Allowance.

\$2,400 for Charitable Services.—The Finance Committee on December 24th, 1927, unanimously recommended that a charitable allowance of \$240 p.m. be made to Mr. J. A. E. Bullock. There is no provision for this in current Estimates and a supplementary vote is therefore requested.

\$2,400 for His Excellency, the Governor (Personal Emoluments). Provision made in Estimates, \$86,278.

In consideration of the heavy extra work in deciphering telegraphic messages, which the political situation continues to throw upon the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, it is proposed again to grant him an allowance of \$200 p.m. during the current year.

Education Conference.

\$261 for Education (out of pocket expenses to Mr. E. Ralphs).

A Triennial Imperial Education Conference will be held in London in July, 1928, and it is considered desirable that the Colony should be represented. It is proposed that Mr. E. Ralphs, who will be on leave, should attend, and as it will be necessary for him to take part in visits to various places of educational interest in England and possibly to certain education centres in France, it is proposed to grant him a sum not exceeding £25 to meet his out of pocket expenses. The scheme was not mooted when the Estimates for 1928 were framed and a supplementary vote is accordingly requested.

\$9,640 for Kowloon-Canton Railway: (Improvements and alterations to Tai Po Market Station). The original vote in 1927 was \$25,000. The early stages of the work soon made it clear that not more than \$12,500 could be utilised in 1927, and the remaining \$12,500 was therefore provided for in the 1928 Estimates. Only \$2,860.60 was actually spent in 1927, however, and it is now desirable to revoe \$9,640. The position then becomes:—Expenditure in 1927, \$2,860; now revised, \$9,640; provided in 1928, \$12,500; total \$25,000; which is the total of the original vote in 1927.

More Railway Items.

\$2,788 for Kowloon-Canton Railway (locomotive shed, carriage shed and workshop for Fanling branch line rolling stock).—Work was postponed till arrival of the Manager Railway, in July, after which preparation of drawings and letting of contract had to be carried out, with the result that actual work did not commence until November, 1927. The amount provided in 1927 Estimates was \$3,000, but only \$212.30 was expended for the above reasons. The sum requested is therefore in the nature of a revoe.

\$1,760 for Kowloon-Canton Railway (new roofing to workshops).—The work could not be completed during 1927 owing to the delay due to referring the question of suitable roofing materials for other opinions. The vote for 1927 was \$2,000 vide 1927 Estimates page 86 sub-head 37, but owing to the delay only \$239.80 was spent during 1927. The sum requested is therefore in the nature of a revoe.

Rented Accommodation.

\$3,420 for Harbour Department (rent of G.M.S. Office in P. & O. Building, additional accommodation for additional staff of G.M.S.'s Office).—Owing to additions or the staff of the Government Marine Surveyor and inadequate accommodation in present offices it has been found necessary to rent accommodation on the 5th floor of the P. & O. Building at a monthly rental of \$400 plus \$27.50 per month for use of lift with effect from 1st May.

\$2,200 for H.E. the Governor (personal emoluments).—When

JUNK PIRATED OFF WAGLAN.

STOLEN PIGS SOLD AT SHAUKWAN.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The piracy of a junk at daybreak on January 26, and the subsequent chase and capture of some of the pirate gang by the police at Joss House Bay, near Lyemun, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan. Three men were charged with theft from a junk in the waters of Colony, while a fourth was charged with receiving, and with harbouring the other men, knowing them to be robbers.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown. All the prisoners pleaded "Not Guilty."

Outlining the case, Mr. Fitzroy explained that the junk, which traded between San Mei and Hongkong, was used for bringing pigs, vegetables, and other produce for the Hongkong market.

The junk sailed from San Mei for Hongkong on January 24, carrying cargo, a crew of eight, and 28 passengers.

Junk Fired At.

Nothing untoward occurred until daybreak the following day when a small fishing boat approached from the south near Waglan. After crossing the trading junk's bows about a length ahead the unknown craft came alongside. Five men on board, armed with long firearms, opened fire.

The master was hauled and told to go below where the others had already fled. He complied. When control of the vessel had gone, it swung into the wind and came to a stop. Four armed men boarded her.

The people imprisoned in the holds would say, continued Mr. Fitzroy, that these four men controlled the destiny of the boat, and took her to Joss House Bay, a small bay in a pass between Nani Tong Island and the New Territories, not far from Lyemun.

Cargo Taken Away.

When the anchor was dropped another boat came alongside and the second and third prisoners among others proceeded to transfer the cargo from the junk.

The fourth prisoner, who lived with his father near Joss House Bay helped to take the loot to Shaukwon where it was sold, but he alleged that he had been forced to do so.

Afterwards the police arrested the fourth prisoner, and his father. The second and third prisoners were caught at Shaukwon. The Police then secured a motor boat and proceeded to Joss House Bay. The guard on board the captured junk, seeing the motor boat approaching, made for the shore, but the police knowing the men were armed, opened fire. The first prisoner was arrested at that time, but others escaped in the gorse. The case is proceeding.

PUBLICAN LICENCES.

INCREASED FEES FOR EXTENSIONS.

At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary will move the following resolution:

"That the scale of fees payable for Publicans' licences shall be altered and increased, in respect of each and every extension of the hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a 'special occasion,' in accordance with the following scale:—For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$50; for each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$100 (additional); for the first hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit, \$25; for each and every subsequent hour stated in a Class B permit \$50 (additional).

It will also be proposed that consequential amendments be made to the schedule of fees set forth in the Second Schedule to the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance.

The Banvard Company after their successful season in Hongkong and Kowloon, sailed for the north yesterday by s.s. Hakone Maru.

The 1928 Estimates were framed the clerical work at Government House was performed by a VI grade clerk who was paid from the Junior Clerical Service Vote. It has now been found necessary to replace him by a stenographer clerk at \$200 per month and a supplementary vote for this salary is required to cover the last 11 months of the year.

DELICATE CANTON PROBLEM.

FINANCE MINISTER'S OPTIMISM.

SECURING TAXES WITHOUT MILITARY DISSENT.

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT.

The Canton Government is at present attempting to tackle the gigantic and delicate problem of effecting unity of tax collection in all districts, and of checking the seizure of taxes by troops, without offending the gentry upon whom the Government relies for support.

The Government has been forced to grant territories to different generals for "defensive purposes," and the principal generals have been given what are regarded as rich districts, tempting bait.

Each of the leaders has under him a large force, numbering at least three or four thousand men, and little comment appears to be necessary as to where will come the fund to support them.

Canton Treasury.

The dream of the Finance Commissioner of Canton, Mr. Feng Cho-man is the remission of all taxes to Canton, but much water is likely to flow down the Pearl River before he realises his ambition, though recently he made a brave announcement in commenting on Canton's financial problems. He said:—"As head of the Canton Treasury, I have made arrangements with the leaders of troops in various districts, whereby within two months no taxes will be retained by the military collectors. Refusal to obey the edict will be regarded as treasonable. General Li Chuan-shun will remove them from control of their territory by sending a punitive expedition."

The above statement is attributed to the Finance Commissioner and is supposed to have been made two or three weeks ago, but the only district in Kwangtung where tax collection is in the hand of the Canton Treasury is Canton City.

Men May Come Etc.

In the southern part of the province, Mr. Ho Chun-fan says he will warmly welcome the representatives of the Canton Treasury if he visits his districts to collect the funds, but meanwhile Ho continues to retain the taxes.

A Canton Treasury representative is supervising the collection in West River districts, but the 7th Army still commandeer the bulk of the funds. More or less the same conditions prevail in all other districts where troops are stationed.

The Treasurer of the Canton Government is still optimistic, says a report from Chinese sources, which adds that the optimism of Mr. Feng Cho-man is due to confidence in the flotation of foreign loan.

If the Canton Government secures a loan, trade conditions and the position of the Central Bank may be benefited to some extent, but it is feared the relief to Canton finance will be but temporary.

THE INDEPENDENCE OF LITHUANIA.

BRITISH GREETINGS ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

London, Feb. 20.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has addressed the following telegram to M. Voldemaras, the Lithuanian Premier:—"On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Lithuania's independence, I take pleasure in offering you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, their sincere congratulations on the progress achieved by your country, and their best wishes for its increasing prosperity and peaceful development."

M. Voldemaras has replied: "Deeply affected by the congratulations which Your Excellency has sent to me on behalf of His Majesty's Government, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Lithuanian independence."

The Lithuanian Nation and Government gratefully remember the constant friendly support given to them by His Majesty's Government to assure the independence of Lithuania, the existence of which is necessary for the maintenance of the general peace and the promotion of prosperity in Eastern Europe."—British Wireless.

300,000 TROOPS MOBILISED.

NATIONALIST DRIVE AGAINST CHANG TSO-LIN.

THREE OFFENSIVES.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The Nationalist Government announced to-day that military plans are practically completed whereby 300,000 troops will be mobilized for the coming spring campaign against Marshal Chang Tso-lin, which the Nationalists hope will result in completing the military phase of the revolution.

Chiang Kai-shek, the generalissime of the Nationalist military forces, who has gone to Honan province in order to have a conference with the Christian General Feng Yu-hsiang and General Yen Hsi-shan, of Tupai, Shansi province, regarding the forthcoming military activities, telegraphed to-day that 300,000 troops are participating in the war, of which number 100,000, under Yen Hsi-shan will advance to Peking along the Peking and Suiyuan railway from the north; while 50,000, under Feng Yu-hsiang, will advance to Peking from Honan province along the Peking and Hankow railway.

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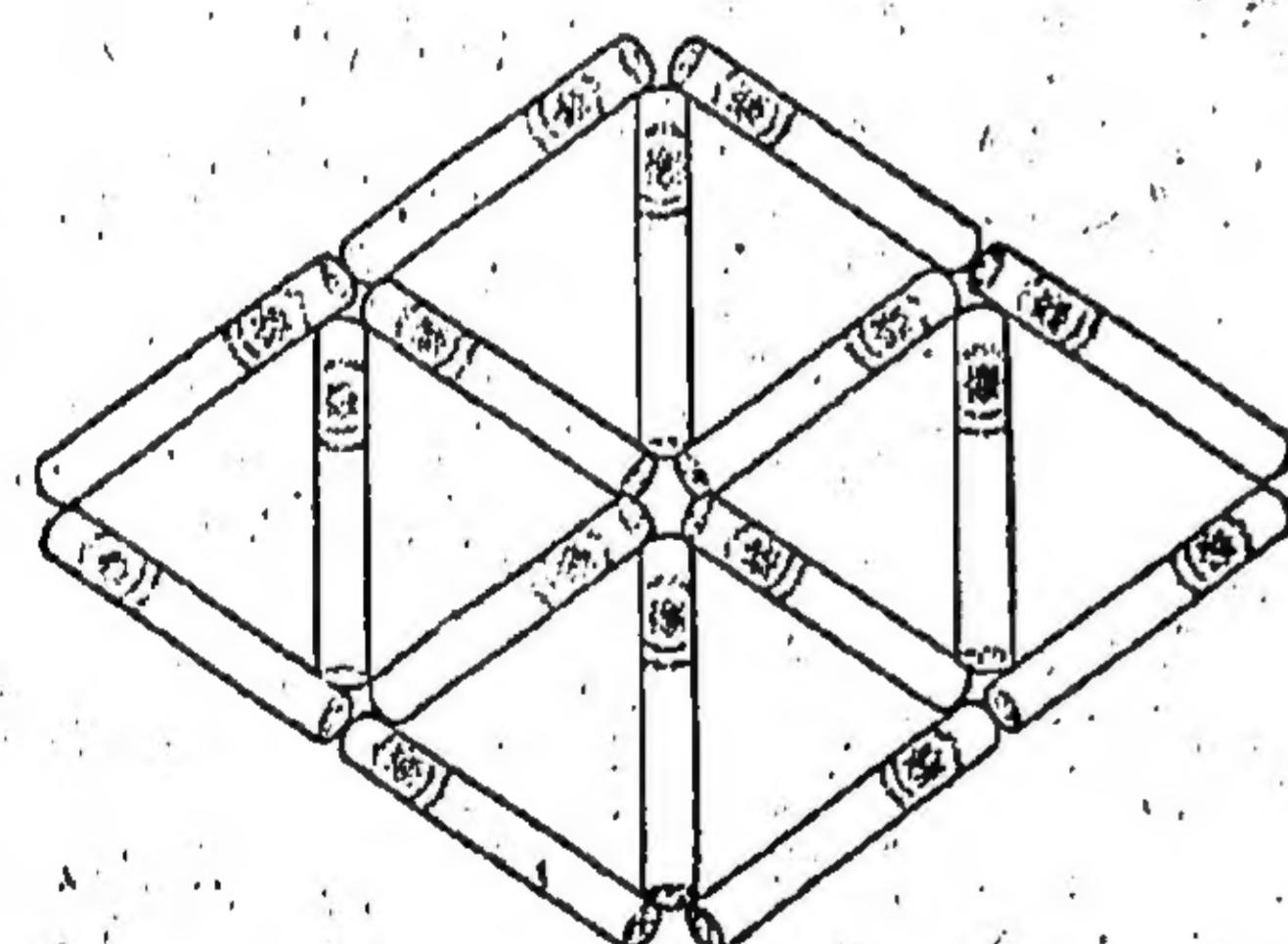
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FAIR FOOTBALL SUSPENDED.

GALLACHER NOT TO PLAY FOR TWO MONTHS.

The Football Association recently issued the following statement: Newcastle United F. C. v. Huddersfield Town F.C., 31st December, 1927.

Re H. Gallacher: For improper conduct, both on the field and at the close of this match; also having regard to his misconduct in previous matches, H. Gallacher, of Newcastle United F. C., suspended from taking any part in football for two months from 19th January, 1928.

According to the agreements entered into by the International Board, whereby "each Association will recognise suspensions of clubs and individuals by other National Associations," Gallacher cannot play for Scotland against Ireland on February 25 at Firhill Park, Glasgow.

The incident that led to Gallacher being suspended occurred near the end of the game at St. James' Park, when the referee declined to award a penalty kick claimed by the Newcastle United captain. After the match Mr. Foggy intimated to the club officials his intention to report the matter to the Football Association.

Prolific Goal Scorer.

In winning the Football League Championship last season, Newcastle United were greatly indebted to Gallacher, who scored 36 goals, but during the present campaign the famous club have not maintained their form.

This is Gallacher's third season with Newcastle United for whom he was immediately successful when coming South in 1925. Besides eleven appearances for Scotland, Gallacher has played also for the Scottish League, and on November 11, 1925, he established a record for International League football by scoring five goals consecutively against the Irish League at Belfast.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The new French 50-franc note which has only been issued about a fortnight has already been counterfeited. The French Treasury officials boasted proudly on its appearance that the intricacy of the colour arrangements and the large watermark would make forgery impossible. There were people at Rennes, however, who thought differently, and the police are now trying to track down the origin of a number of very fair imitations which have been in circulation in that district.

CHARITY CUP MATCH.

F.A. CUP DRAW.

HUDDERSFIELD AGAIN AT HOME.

TOTTENHAM'S BAD LUCK.

London, Feb. 20. The draw for the sixth round of the F.A. Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:

Blackburn v. Manchester U.

Wednesday v. Sheffield U v. Notts Forest.

Huddersfield v. Tottenham.

Arsenal v. Stoke.

Matches to be played on March 3rd.—*Reuter.*

Luck of the Draw.

The sixth round is the last before the semi-final and therefore the last in which the right of playing at home is granted. Huddersfield, who are now favourites for the competition, have had the good fortune to be drawn at home, though they are opposed to the very popular if unfortunate Tottenham Hotspur team. Tottenham created a sensational surprise in the last round by defeating Leicester City at Leicester by three clear goals. The Huddersfield match is the tit-bit of the draw, though much interest will be centred round the Lancashire duel between Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United.

Both Second Division teams have been unfortunate. They both pay a visit to First Division clubs. Stoke, the conquerors of Manchester City, will be in London, where the Arsenal are expected to win.

Notts Forest, who knocked out the holders, are to play at Sheffield, meeting the winner of the Sheffield duel.

The semi-finalists seem likely to be two Yorkshire representatives, Huddersfield and a Sheffield club, one team from Lancashire, Blackburn Rovers, and the Arsenal of London.

SCOTLAND'S TEAM AGAINST CHINA.

The following team has been selected to represent Scotland in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final to be played on the H.K.F.C. ground on Saturday:—Rodger (Club); Gardner (K.O.S.B.); Hirat (S. Guards); McBride (Club); Stewart (Club)—Captain, McKevie (Kowloon); Campbell (K.O.S.B.); Alder (S. Guards), Teal (K.O.S.B.); McGlinchy (K.O.S.B.), and Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Reserves:—Carswell (Guards), Merlow (Titania); Oram (Police), Alexander (Club), McNiven (Guards).

NAVAL BILLIARDS.

CHINA SQUADRON DESTROYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Billiards Championship of the Destroyer Flotilla of the China Station was decided at the Royal Naval Canteen on Sunday evening resulting in a win by a narrow margin for H.M.S. Thrasher, with H.M.S. Sepoy as the runners-up.

The games were keenly contested throughout, but a certain difficulty was experienced in bringing the various teams together, owing to the exigencies of the service. The final on Sunday evening was largely attended and the winning team was accorded a well merited round of applause.

Squadron Championship.

The individual championship of the China Squadron was played off at the Chief and Petty Officers' Club in the Naval Dockyard on Sunday evening.

The result was a win for Sick Berth Petty Officer Pyne, of H.M.S. Ambrose, by 68 points, against E. R. A. Davies, of H.M.S. Titania (Submarine L.2). The winner played seven matches to reach the final.

Last night at the Chief and P. O.'s Club, a match was arranged to take place between St. Patrick's Club and the Chief and P. O.'s Club. The Navy being represented by the winner, the runners-up, and one of the semi-finalists in the fleet competition, the other semi-finalist being at sea in H.M.S. Hawking.

The Results.

Navy	St. Patrick's
P. O. Wellborn	84 E. Nutall
S.P.O. Davis	69 J. M. Ribeiro
Sgt. Light	91 L. Remedios
S.P.O. Pyne	150 M. Medina
E.R.A. Davis	150 A. Roxario
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K. R. A. ANNUAL MEETING.

THE KOWLOON TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

In his speech at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association yesterday the President made pointed comments on matters which have engaged the attention of the Association during the past year and, for its activities likened the K.R.A. to "a communal Oliver Twist". Speaking of the non-representation of Kowloon on the Legislative Council he said it would be a gracious act on the part of the Government if a Kowloon resident was asked to fill the next Unofficial vacancy.

The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, the President, Mr. W. J. Stokes, presiding and being supported by other officers, members of the Committee and a representative gathering of members.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts the President said:

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows: Gentlemen.—The Report of your General Committee and the Accounts of the Association have been in your hands for the customary length of time and, with your permission, I propose to take them at once. They deal with the past and on them our reputation must stand or fall, but before proposing their adoption I think a particular reference to some of the salient points will explain the activities of your Committee more clearly than was possible within the covers of the published report.

Children's Playground.

What we want and want urgently is more playing space for the children where they can play in reasonable safety from the traffic and be near their homes. The old type of houses with a piece of garden is rapidly vanishing to make room for flats with nothing but a concrete verandah. The unfortunate part of the business is that where there are shady trees there also is traffic.

The one children's playground in Chatham Road is not enough nor

is it ideal because of the want of shade in the summer, while the ever-growing traffic along this road is a menace to their safety. Nor can all the children from the scattered homes possibly get there conveniently and could not be accommodated if they did.

There are several useful plots of ground which are lying vacant and apparently useless just now. I do not know whether they are owned by Government or by private individuals, but I do know and so do you who are parents, that the children of Kowloon are badly served in this respect. The accessible parts of King's Park are partitioned out to the adults, but the children's only place is practically the streets.

Kowloon Hospital.

While the situation of the Hospital is probably a most desirable one for its principal purpose, it leaves something of a very important nature unsatisfied. I refer to the fact that, since the closing of the Government Dispensary in Nathan Road, the busy part of the suburb is without any means of affording skilled assistance in cases of accident or sudden illness except at Kwong Wah hospital.

The Kowloon Hospital has only one resident medical officer so that he could not possibly leave it to attend any sudden call outside without leaving his own particular business in a state of inefficiency. It is obvious that, till a second medical officer is appointed to give some measure of relief to the first, the Government Hospital is understaffed. This position is the more acute because of the Government rule that no private practitioners are permitted to attend patients.

I may possibly be told that certain of the Fire Brigade staff are trained in First Aid, but, without wishing to detract from their great usefulness in that respect, I submit that it hardly covers the needs of the large number of European residents, especially when it is remembered that, during the working hours of the day, most of the men folk are as inaccessible as the doctor, and the women and children left to fend for themselves.

Star Ferry Approach.

This is a most tantalising and elusive problem. We can all note the congestion of the traffic growing from day to day and the compromise which has to do duty for a

real organisation due to the waste of shade in the summer, while the ever-growing traffic along this road is a menace to their safety. Nor can all the children from the scattered homes possibly get there conveniently and could not be accommodated if they did.

Ferry Figures.

Some figures dealing with the present state of affairs will probably interest you.

The Star Ferry carries an average of 25,000 people per day, from 6 a.m. till midnight with an average of 6 trips per hour each way 18 x 216 trips—230 passengers per trip. The traffic is not regular, of course, and the bulk of it is carried in the eight rush hours and amounts to approximately 3,000 per hour.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway carries an average of 3,500 people per day.

To deal with this traffic, 1,250 buses arrive and depart each day. There are about 250 rickshaws constantly employed, about 40 private cars and about 50 motor cycles, to which must be added a large number of motor lorries and military mule wagons.

In addition to this there is a constant stream of passengers from vessels at the Kowloon wharves where there are seldom less than three large passenger liners lying alongside.

The gross area in which this traffic has to be manoeuvred is roughly 69,000 square feet, from which has to be deducted about 11,000 square feet occupied by the ricksha shelter and the island, leaving a net area of 58,000 square feet.

The approach to this is 44 feet wide from kerb to kerb from which has to be deducted two gutters each 2 feet wide, thus reducing the available width to 40 feet, part of which is occupied during the rush hours by a line of rickshaws extending to opposite the Fire Brigade Station reducing the available width to 37 feet.

Public Pier.

This subject is a natural corollary to the previous one.

In the first place it is unsuitable and can in no way be considered a public convenience, being altogether too small and in the most inconvenient place in the whole peninsula. It is very difficult of access, both from the land and the water, owing to its position in the most awkward corner of sadly overworked Kowloon Point. On the land side, the traffic has to approach it by passing the Ferry entrances as well as crossing the bus track afterwards, thus adding to the already congested traffic there.

The traffic leaving it has to cross not only the bus and ricksha tracks but has also to pass sharply across the main entrance to the Kowloon Wharves, a very hazardous proceeding at all times, and a very special danger to women and children pedestrians. It is to be remembered that this is the only means of embarkation for the greater part of the Kowloon residents who may be proceeding to vessels in harbour and the large number who in the summer desire to get to those bathing places which are not popular and necessary to public health and of which there is not a sufficient number accessible without water transport.

On the water side, it is considerably more complicated and dangerous, because boats can only approach it by a method of dodging various other craft having business at the Godowns on the one hand and keeping clear of the Ferry launches on the other. The pier is now in "splints" and will eventually emerge as nearly in the old shape as possible, for, although the Government has not yet replied to our letter of enquiry, dated 10th August, 1927, it is a matter of general knowledge that there is to be no alteration in its arrangement; merely underwater repairs of the typhoon damage. So, apparently, we shall have to put up with the same old misfit.

Another Pier Wanted.

What Kowloon requires, and deserves very urgently, is a Public Pier which is a convenience and, for that, it must be in a convenient position, where women and children can get to it and use it without fear and without danger, and in a position where the traffic is not too congested.

The best place for this is facing the foot of Nathan Road, with a level crossing and a foot-bridge over the railway.

I may be told that level crossings are dangerous and are being done away with on all railways wherever possible. I grant that, but, under the severe necessity for some relief in this urgent matter, the only possible solution being of the nature of a compromise and in this case where it is practically a station/yard crossing with no express trains passing at speed, I think that objection is disposed of to a great extent, and I am encouraged in this view by the fact that the crossing at Holt's Wharf had given satisfaction up to the present.

That serious trouble at the Ferry approach will come sooner or later, with the present tangled state of affairs, is unfortunately almost certain and it would appear that, until it does, the Government will

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*An announcement of unusual importance
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"NINETEEN years ago we made and sold the first Model T Ford car. In announcing it to the public we said:

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"If I were starting in business to-day, or asked to restate my policy, I would not change one sentence or one word of that original announcement. In plain, simple language it gives the reason for the very existence of the Ford Motor Company and explains its growth.

"IN THE last nineteen years we have made 15,000,000 Ford cars and added to the world nearly 300,000,000 mobile horse-power. Yet I do not consider the machines which bear my name simply as machines. I take them as concrete evidence of the working out of a theory of business which I hope is something more than a theory of business—a theory that looks toward making this world a better place in which to live.

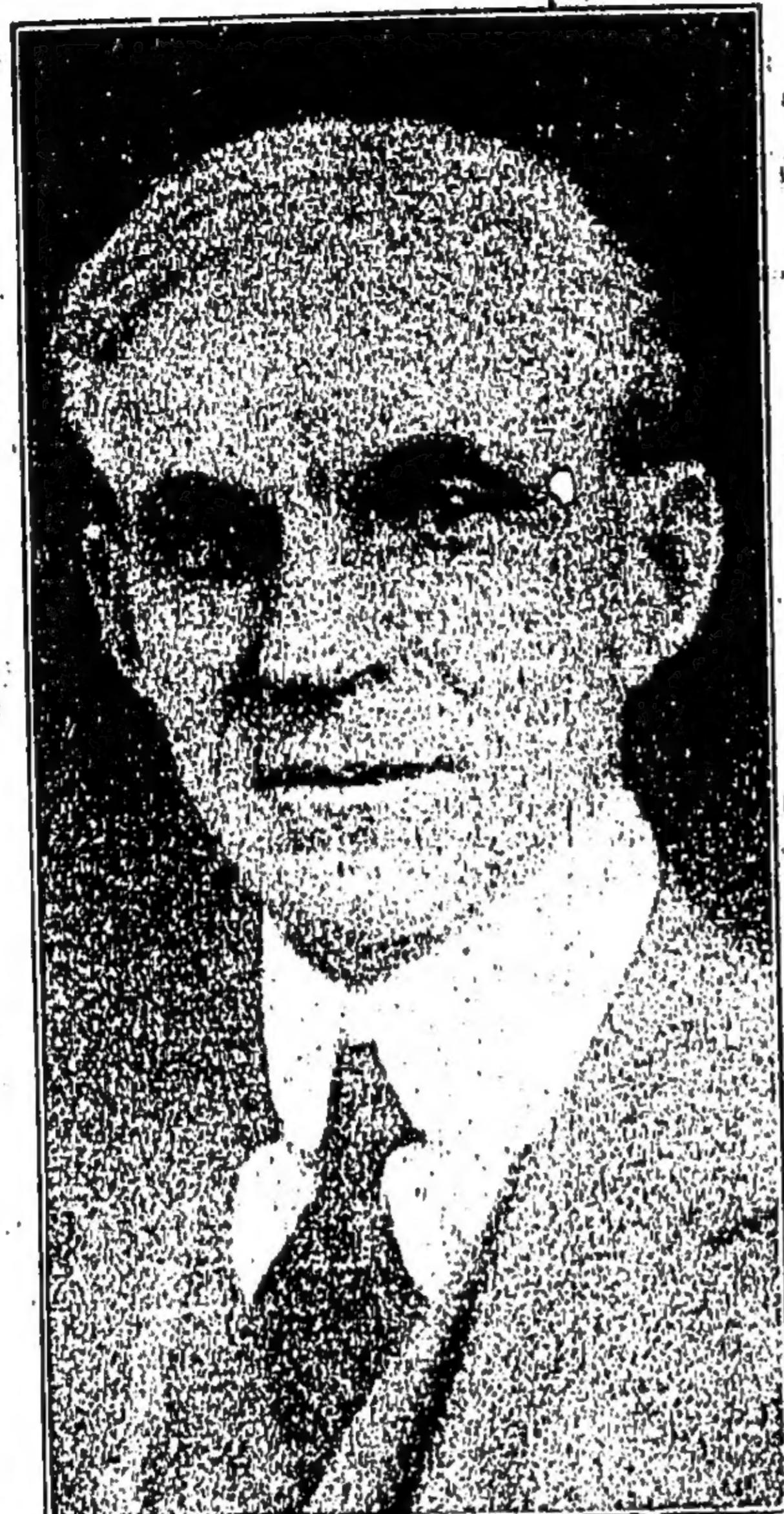
"The Model T Ford car was a pioneer. There was no conscious public need of motor cars when we first conceived it. There were few good roads and only the adventurous few could be induced to buy an automobile.

"The Ford car blazed the way for the motor industry and started the movement for good roads. It broke down the barriers of time and distance and helped to place education within the reach of all. It gave people more leisure. It helped people everywhere to do more and better work in less time and enjoy doing it. It did a great deal, I am sure, to promote the growth and progress of every community.

"We are still proud of the record of the Model T Ford car. If we were not, we would not have continued to manufacture it so long. But 1928 is not 1908. It is not 1915. It is not even 1926.

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"We realize that conditions all over the world have so greatly changed in the last few years that further refinement in motor car construction is desirable.



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"The new Ford has unusual speed for a lowprice car because present-day conditions require unusual speed.

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"Fifty and sixty miles an hour are desired to-day where thirty and forty would have satisfied in 1908. So we are giving you this new speed.

*Quiet and smooth-running
at all speeds*

"The new Ford will ride comfortably at fifty and sixty miles an hour. It has actually done sixty-five miles an hour in road tests.

"Since modern conditions demand more speed, they also demand better brakes to balance this speed. So we are giving you four-wheel brakes in the new Ford.

"The new Ford will be quiet and smooth-running at all speeds and you will find it even easier to handle in traffic than the old Model T Ford.

"The new Ford has durability because durability is the very heart of motor car value. The Ford car has always been known as a car that will take you there and bring you back. The new Ford will not only do that, but it will do it in good style. You will be proud of the new Ford.

"THIS new Ford car has not been planned and made in a day. Our engineers began work on it several years ago and it has been in my mind much longer than that. We make automobiles quickly when we get in production. But we take a long time planning them. Nothing can hurry us in that. We spent twelve years in perfecting our former Model T Ford car before we offered it to the public. It is not conceivable that we should have put this new Ford car on the market until we were sure that it was mechanically correct in every detail.

"Every part of it has been tested and re-tested. There is no guessing as to whether it will be a successful model. It has to be. There is no way it can escape being so, for it represents the sum total of all we have learned about motor-car building in the making of 15,000,000 automobiles.

*The new Ford will sell at
a low price*

"The price of the new Ford is low in accordance with the established Ford policy. I hold that it is better to sell a large number of cars at a reasonably small margin of profit than to sell a few cars at a large margin of profit.

"We never forget that people who buy Ford cars are the people who helped to make this business big. It has always been our policy to share our profits with our customers.

"No other automobile can duplicate the new Ford car at the Ford price because no other manufacturer does business the way we do.

"We make our own steel—we make our own glass—we mine our own coal—we make virtually every part used in the Ford car. But we do not charge a profit on any of these items or from these operations. We would not be playing fair with the public if we did so. Our only business is the automobile business. Our only profit is on the automobile we sell.

"WE ARE able to sell this new Ford car at a low price because we have found new ways to give you greater value without a great increase in our own costs.

"We did not set out to make a new car to sell at such-and-such a figure. We decided on the kind of car we wanted to make and then found ways to produce it at a low price.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

Joyce was too startled even to be shocked. He was looking at her whimsically, his air half apologetic, half humorous. Irrelevantly she thought how extraordinarily like her mother he was with his hat off. He had the same air of fitness, dignity, and distinction.

Then suddenly she was afraid for him.

"Oh," she whispered, "don't you know they are hunting the whole district for you?"

"Nobody knows it better," Miss Allyn, "he smiled, back, keeping his voice low. "I had the deuce of a job dodging the cordon."

"But," she cried in an agonised whisper, "it is Otto Rigg who is urging on the hunt. Otto Rigg—and this is his house."

"That's one of the reasons why I chose it," he answered. "Who would think of looking for me in the very den of the spider? But there were several reasons why I had to come here."

"What reasons could there be for running such a risk?"

"The one that counts most at the moment is that I wanted to see you, see if you were safe, I feel, Miss Allyn, I have been the cause of dragging you into a most dangerous situation. Then I wanted to hear news. Finally, I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the warning you sent through my mother."

"Oh, you got that?" she breathed. "You did get that message?"

"Indeed I did, and it was a most timely warning, as events have shown."

"But events have shown," she protested, "that you ignored that warning."

"Far from it," he said, gravely.

"Saved your life," she cried in astonishment. "Saved your life—?"

He looked at her quickly, searchingingly. "Ah," he said, "something else has happened. Tell me!"

She stared at him. "Don't you know what they are hunting you for now?" she asked in agony.

"Is it for something extra, then?"

"For murder," she said, scarcely above a breath.

"Murder!" He stood stiff, suddenly deadly white. "You mean I killed—Strach?"

"No," she said, despair coming to her at his answer. "Not Strach. A man from the Public Trustee's office. A Mr. Dudley. Rapidly she told about Mr. Dudley, what he was doing down there, and how, she suspected, he had followed up her hint and hidden on the Common for him. "Perhaps I ought not to have told him about you and the Common," she ended.

"You did it to save me, Joyce— from Strach," he said, quickly. "What sort of man was this Dudley? Big? As big as Strach?"

"No, rather small. Small built and slim."

"I don't think I killed him," he said.

"You don't think—?"

"I don't think I did," he said, evenly. "That means I don't know, you will see. Well, I don't know, either. I had been to Fedden's. They know about that," she whispered, quickly.

"Already!" he cried. "Ah, good!" Again his harshness affected Joyce; she stepped back from him.

"Fedden is dead," she said, aghast at his manner.

He stared at her for a minute, checked by her tone. Then he said quietly, "I can't be sorry, Joyce. I did not mean him to die, but I can't be sorry. And if you knew you would see I could not be sorry."

She still stood and stared at him; but, something in his tone had touched her, yet she still waited for an explanation. What was this mysterious task that made him so cruel and ruthless?

"You are wanting me to tell you why, Joyce," he said, reading her. "I can't do that yet. Not until my work is done." He waited a moment for her answer.

"Shall we leave that?" he asked. "It means misunderstanding and bad feeling between us?"

She nodded, and he went on at once.

"I had left Fedden. I was striking straight across the Common when I heard a shout, and there was somebody in the distance, running after me. I ran myself. Soon I became aware that there were several—two, at least after me. I ran harder. Then there came a shot. I did not hear the bullet, curiously, only the shot. I just had a glimpse of the man who had fired it at me. He seemed to me a big man as he stood on the skyline. Strach, I thought, and I saw he was ready to fire again. I fired my own pistol, not at him, but into

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

A MOVIE AXIOM BADLY BUSTED.

WATCHING WITH INTEREST.

New York, Jan. 10.—An experiment—almost the most unusual in modern, highly specialized picture production—centres around the famous Hungarian playwright, Ernest Vajda.

Vajda has just been appointed supervisor of production for all stories which he himself writes for the movies.

It has been axiomatic that celebrated writers brought in to write for the movies were not up to their expected standard in the new medium, and the more say-so an author was given in production the less successful was the picture.

If Vajda breaks this rule and proves he is different, he will stand out as one of the most versatile geniuses in either literature or celluloid. All Hollywood is watching the experiment with great interest.

ALREADY PARTLY PROVED.

There is actually a chance for Vajda. He already has proved he is different. But will he make good in this new and harder test?

Vajda, you remember, began to be heard of in America about four years ago when his play, "Fata Morgana," proved a sensational hit on Broadway. He followed that with "The Harem," in which Lehore Ulric made the town sit up and rub its eyes. Before that he had won fame in his own country.

Less than two years ago he came to America and for more than a year he has been in Hollywood, writing stories for the pictures and studying the new vehicle. His story, "The Cat's Pyjamas," proved reasonably successful and his "Service for Ladies," starring Adolphe Menjou, was praised by critics as one of the most deft comedies of the year.

He was promoted on his next story. It was "Serenade," which has just been filmed with Adolphe Menjou again in the lead. When he submitted the story, he was assigned also to prepare the continuity—the technical outline of scenes from which the actual camera shots are made. It was a sign of growing proficiency, and the finished picture in the studio was called him and Menjou's best.

THE BEAUTY DOCTOR.

From "Serenade" the author turned to a new story, "The Beauty Doctor," in which Menjou will appear next. After the completion of the material, just the other day, Paramount executives announced that Vajda would have complete supervision of the filming of this and all future stories which he writes. The director of "The Beauty Doctor," working under Vajda, will be Lothar Mendes.

The appointment means that Vajda's own conception of his characters, their actions and motives, their spinning of the pattern of the plot, will come out on the screen just as he made them live on paper. To gain this end, he and the director will work closely together, the writer-supervisor suggesting and the director carrying out.

BETWEEN THE PRESENT EMINENT RECOGNITION AND HIS ARRIVAL IN HOLLYWOOD, IGNORANT AND UNKNOWN SO FAR AS MOVIES WERE CONCERNED, LIES A PERIOD OF STUDIOS TOIL AND UNUSUALLY PATIENT INDUSTRY. VAJDA CAME TO THE FILMS, TO USE HIS OWN WORDS, ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT WHY SO MANY FAMOUS AUTHORS CAME DOWN FROM THE STAGE TO THE SCREEN WITH SUCH A BIG NOISE AND LEFT WITH SUCH A BIG SILENCE. AFTER EXPERIMENTS WHICH DID NOT WORK OUT SO ASTONISHINGLY, HE DECIDED THAT THE FAULT MIGHT BE IN HIMSELF AND NOT NECESSARILY IN THE MOVIES.

TAKING IT APART.

"I DECIDED TO LEARN," SAID VAJDA. "I FORGOT THAT I EVER WAS A SO-CALLED 'FAMOUS PLAYWRIGHT' AND STARTED TO WORK WITHOUT ANY BIG NOISE, BUT IN BIG SILENCE, SERIOUSLY, LIKE A SIMPLE WORKMAN WHO HAS HIS CHANCE AND WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. I SPENT TIME WITH FOLLOW-WORKERS IN EVERY PART OF THE STUDIO. I TOOK PICTURE-MAKING APART AND INSPECTED IT BIT BY BIT."

IF VAJDA SUCCEEDS AS A SUPERVISOR, THIS SYSTEM WILL BE ACHIEVED WHICH THE COMPANIES HAVE DESIRED FOR YEARS, TO HAVE PICTURES PRODUCED BY A SINGLE UNIFIED AUTHORITY, AS A NOVELIST WRITES THE STORY WHICH HIS IMAGINATION HAS CONCEIVED.

THE PROPOSALS OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED.

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AMENITIES OF BARDSEY.

Carmarvon, Jan. 21.—After an interval of several months Bardsey Island, in Cardigan Bay, is to have its regular religious ministrations and its day school re-established.

Under the auspices of the Calvinistic Methodist Presbytery in Carmarvonshire the Rev. Owen Jones has agreed to take up his home, as he previously did for four years, among the islanders, while Mrs. Jones will take charge of the day school, which, as formerly, will be held in the chapel.

Seventy years ago 140 persons lived on the island and sailing vessels carried on a trade in lobsters and oysters with Liverpool. It was not for a considerable time afterwards that a spot once thronged by devout pilgrims from all parts of the country was deemed of sufficient importance to require the services of a minister of the Gospel.

A similar arrangement to that now entered upon existed until 1925, when the island experienced a great "upheaval." Life proved so monotonous to the younger members of the community—numbering altogether about 30—that they left their homes and settled on the mainland. They were accompanied by "King" Pritchard, the last of the Bardsey dynasty, and he died shortly after changing his country.

Less than two years ago he came to America and for more than a year he has been in Hollywood, writing stories for the pictures and studying the new vehicle. His story, "The Cat's Pyjamas," proved reasonably successful and his "Service for Ladies," starring Adolphe Menjou, was praised by critics as one of the most deft comedies of the year.

He was promoted on his next story. It was "Serenade," which has just been filmed with Adolphe Menjou again in the lead. When he submitted the story, he was assigned also to prepare the continuity—the technical outline of scenes from which the actual camera shots are made. It was a sign of growing proficiency, and the finished picture in the studio was called him and Menjou's best.

The Hon. Frederick Wynn, the owner of Bardsey, had no difficulty in filling the vacant farmsteads with suitable tenants, so that at the moment the population is numerically what it was before the exodus.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

This has induced the Carmarvonshire Education Authority to restore to the island its educational facilities. In common with other schools in the county, the children of Bardsey, notwithstanding their isolation, will periodically receive a case of books from the depot of the Carnegie Rural Library.

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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

MANY ILLS ARE EASILY PREVENTABLE.

PROTECTING THE WORKERS.

Out of almost 14,000,000 insured workers in Great Britain between 40 per cent. and 50 per cent. were ill at one time or another during the year, and in some districts the percentage of illness rose as high as 80 per cent.

This means that the equivalent of one year's work was lost by each of 447,115 persons. The records do not take account of illness of three days' duration or less, nor of the inefficiency and loss due to chronic or vague ill-health which the worker tolerates and for which he does not seek relief or compensation.

At the end of the world are giving increasing attention to the care of the health of the worker, because men are only beginning to realize what a tremendous economic drain illness in industry really is.

THE COMMON COLD.

As indicated by Dr. Leonard P. Lockhart, medical officer of the great firm in England known as the Boots Pure Drug Co., 20 per cent. of the loss of time of workers in 1924, which was an average year, was due to the common cold, 14 per cent. to rheumatism and similar troubles, 13 per cent. to influenza, 12 per cent. to indigestion, 10 per cent. to injuries and 7 per cent. to boils and other infections. Thus nearly three-fourths of all the difficulty, and the figures for the United States would be about the same, are due to conditions that are largely preventable.

Dr. Lockhart explains simply his conception of the manner in which bad ventilation is related to the causation of colds. The employee works in hot stagnant air which causes the membranes lining the air passages to become relaxed and engorged with blood. On this spongy membrane the germs settle.

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OPINION OF BRITISH MEMORANDUM.

Geneva, Jan. 19.

The memorandum of the British Government on Arbitration and Security has been well received in League circles. In the main the views expressed are thought to be based on sound reasoning, and it is also believed that the memorandum will serve the useful purpose of drawing attention to certain facts which cannot be removed by mere wishes.

A point of the memorandum that is noted approvingly here is the emphasis laid on the fact that arbitration treaties have no sanction but by the force of public opinion. It is also recognised at Geneva that, much as League enthusiasts would have it otherwise, Great Britain is right in stating that it is improbable that any nation strong enough to use force effectively would at present undertake the general obligation to use force against either of the parties to a dispute which failed to submit the dispute to arbitration or failed to accept or comply with the award.

SWEDEN AND LOCARNO MODEL.

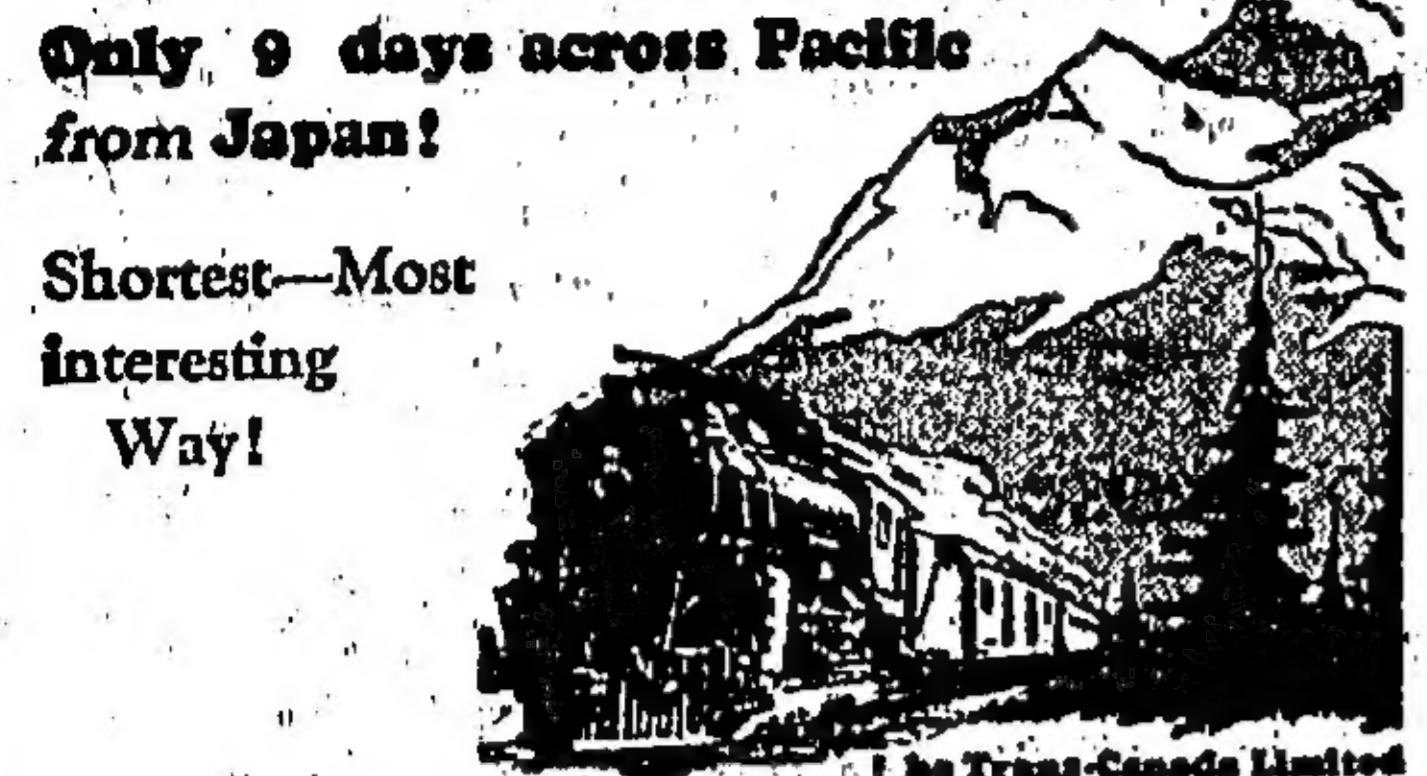
With respect to the question of security it is admitted here that while certain States may hold that the British suggestions are not far reaching enough, the British method of proceeding is probably the safest and the soundest. In fact, Locarno may well be taken as a model. The Treaty of Locarno is no mere alliance between a group of friendly States, but is a bond between nations recently at war. It was designed to avert a specific danger in a specific area. This way should be more efficacious than any more general system of guarantees could be.

The proposals of the Swedish Government have also been received. They include a project for a collective agreement of conciliation and arbitration on the principles adopted at Locarno.

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LOCAL CHESS.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK LOSES TO HOLDER.

The adjourned game between Sir Henry Pollock and C. M. Sequeira, which was commenced on Thursday last, was concluded on Saturday afternoon, when the holder won after a further two hours' play. Sir Henry resigning after his 46th move.

The game throughout was very carefully played by both, although indifferently and lost a valuable pawn. He regained his lost advantage, however, and at the adjournment appeared to have a better position than his opponent.

On the resumption Sir Henry offered Sequeira a draw but although the holder was in now too good a position, he had to decline the offer in view of his drawn match, with

Hussain.

By his victory, the holder is now the only unbeaten player in the tournament, having only dropped half a point in three matches. Both Sir Henry Pollock and D. E. Carvalho have each lost one game.

Sequeira Drawn.

The positions of the leading players have now reached an interesting stage. C. M. Sequeira, the holder who beat Sir Henry Pollock on Saturday being forced to a draw by C. Chon.

The holder had hitherto only lost half a point while no other player was less than one point down. By drawing last night last year's champion in even terms with Sir Henry Pollock and Carvalho.

Carvalho heads the tournament with five points out of a possible six with Sequeira and Sir Henry sharing second place with four points each out of a possible five.

The latest results are: C. M. Sequeira beat Sir Henry Pollock; beat A. N. Other and drew with C. Chon; Chon beat S. L. Hussain and lost to C. E. Wong and D. E. Carvalho; Wong beat S. G. Rumbol and lost to A. N. Other.

LAWN TENNIS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club opened yesterday afternoon, when three matches were played in the Club championship, all ending in two-set victories.

The best game was that between the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Major W. B. Stevenson. The latter, playing very steady tennis throughout the two sets, won by 6-2, 6-1. A. D. Humphreys beat W. D. Fiddes Wilson, losing only two games, the score being 6-1, 6-1.

The third match was the closest, H. R. Remington defeating J. E. Henry 6-4, 6-3.

The open championships commence on March 1.

FANLING GOLF.

THE RESULT OF THE BOGEY POOL.

The Bogeys Pool played at Fanling over the week-end resulted in a tie between C.C. Stark (6) and E. C. Frederick (12), both of whom finished 2 up and therefore divide the prize. Other scores were: A. B. Raworth (9), J. P. Sherry (17), all square; T. D. E. Pendered (3), H. E. Bloxham (4), 1 down; G. Murray (6), 2 down. Twenty-nine cards taken out.

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During the discussion Mr. Wylie was present and he particularly stressed the point and asked that

the Chairman said the Committee had no chance of considering Mrs. Thompson's points. He was sorry to appear abrupt but the Committee was not prepared to answer the question then. It would be unfair to both to do so. He could only ask the Secretary to read the letter written to the Government.

Mr. Manners said he would like to call attention to the minutes as the matter seemed to be more or less a personal attack, possibly on one of the members of the Committee.

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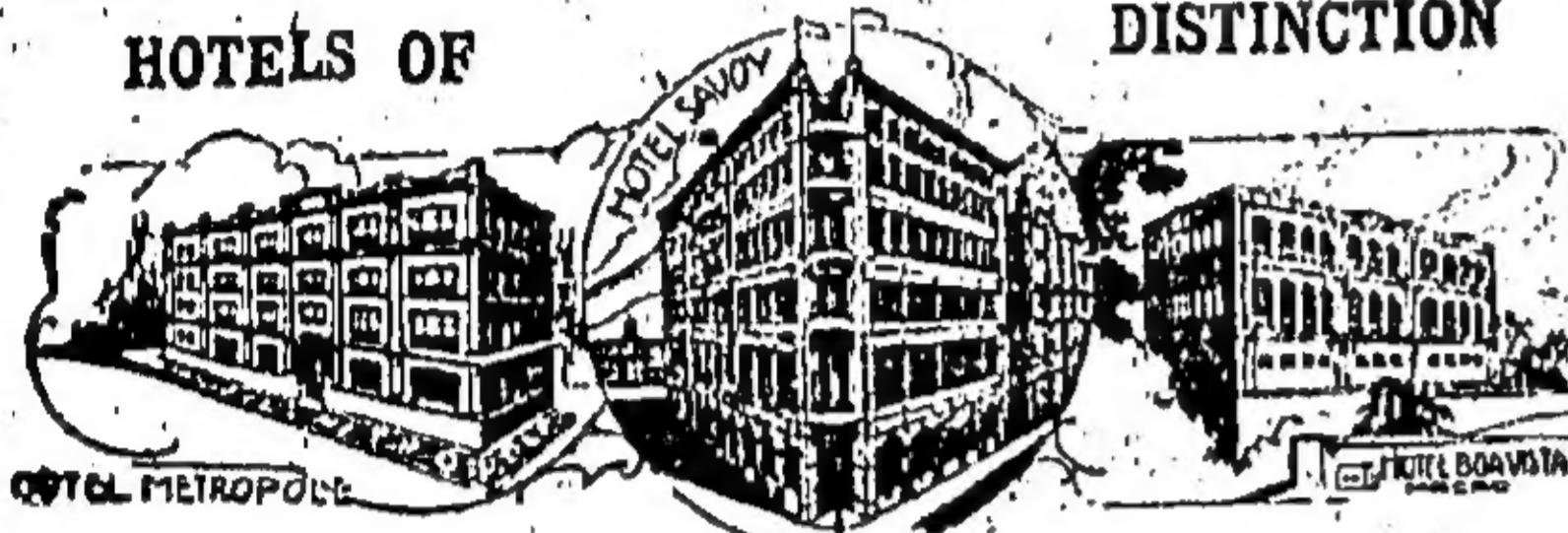
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San Francisco, Feb. 16.—The Dollar Company reports that 17 Filipinos died of pneumonia aboard the s.s. President Cleveland between Manila and Honolulu and that there were 16 cases of pneumonia and one of small-pox when the ship arrived in Honolulu to-day.

The President Cleveland hastened to arrive a day ahead of schedule.

First class passengers aboard the ship are not ill, it was said. The persons exposed to small-pox will be vaccinated. About 600 Filipinos are aboard the Cleveland. Honolulu, Feb. 16.

With the Pacific ocean as their grave, the seventeen Filipinos emigrated who died of bronchopneumonia aboard the Dollar liner President Cleveland while en route from Manila to Honolulu were buried at sea. Before being lowered into the sea, a service was held for each.

The epidemic which took such a heavy toll of life broke out between Shanghai and Kobe, following a sudden drop in temperature between Manila and Shanghai. Dr. George Belden, ship's physician, declared that every effort was made to save the afflicted persons.

When the seriousness of the epidemic became apparent the liner was placed under forced draft, and it arrived here a day ahead of schedule, with 15 of its Filipino passengers suffering from pneumonia and one from small-pox. Of these, eight are recovering, while the condition of the others is undetermined.

There were about 600 Filipinos aboard the vessel. The first class passengers were not affected by the epidemic.

GARAGE OWNERS SUMMONED.**CASES NOW ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY.**

The cases in which the owners of ten different garages were summoned under new regulations requiring that the garages must first be inspected and licensed before they could be used as such, were again before Major Wilson at the Police Court this morning.

At the hearing last Friday, Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared for the defence, suggested that the regulation was not made in pursuance of the Section of the Ordinance under which the summonses were taken out; that, in fact, the regulation was *ultra vires* of the Ordinance; and that the Executive had overstepped their powers when it made a regulation which was not backed up by the Ordinance. Finally, Mr. Loseby said the remedy was in the hands of his Worship sitting as a Magistrate between the Executive and the public.

His Worship adjourned the case on Friday, to consider the point raised by Mr. Loseby.

Work to be Done.

When the case was resumed this morning, Mr. Loseby said:—"Since I last appeared before your Worship, I have had an opportunity of speaking with the Captain Superintendent of Police, and he suggests that rather than giving an adverse decision so far as he is concerned or giving an adverse decision so far as I am concerned, your Worship will adjourn the summonses *sine die*. The position is this—my clients will have great difficulty, if they comply with the C. S. P.'s regulations or means necessary to make these garages safe, as it will cost them money amounting to hundreds of dollars. What they promise to do now is to apply at once for the C. S. P.'s permit and to proceed with the work that is necessary. If they don't proceed, then these summonses will come before your Worship once more. Of course, this applies to all the cases in which I am concerned. I think your Worship will find it desirable to do that in all these cases. Of course, the application is made by Inspector Alexander."

On Inspector Alexander accosting him in this, his Worship adjourned all the ten summonses *sine die*, as applied for.

A similar decision was also made in one other case in which Mr. Horace Lo appeared for another garage, which was summoned in respect of a like offence.

There were present in the Court Mr. H. T. Brooks, the Superintendent of the Fire Department, and Mr. G. C. Moss, Station Officer, who, it was understood, were to give evidence on the condition of the garages from the fire protection point of view.

ALL-IMPORTANT WATER QUESTION.**SENNAR DAM BENEFIT TO EGYPT.**

London, Feb. 20.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons, about the capacity of the Senaar Dam in relation to the requirements of Sudan Gezira, and how the method of operating the dam affected navigation on the Nile in Egypt and the supply of irrigation water during the summer.

Sir Austen replied, "The quantity of water stored at Senaar last year, exceeded the requirements of Sudan Gezira by 400,000 cubic metres, and it is estimated the same surplus will be available this year for the benefit of Egypt."

"Were the Senaar Dam not in existence, this additional supply would have already flowed unused to the sea as that the dam so far from damaging Egypt, has hitherto had the effect of increasing her water supply at a period when it is most required."

"Arrangements for filling and emptying the Senaar reservoir both last year and this year, were especially designed to meet Egypt's requirements. They were submitted to and approved by the Egyptian Ministry of Public Works."

"The reservoir has not affected navigation in Egypt. Such interference as has recently occurred is the result of the recent decision of the Egyptian Government to stop greatly increased volumes of water at Assuan.—British Wireless."

EIGHT VILLAGES TO GO.

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With this end in view, an ex-gratia payment of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent was added to the usual resumption rates for agricultural land in remote parts of the Territory and included in the above figures. In all cases the new village sites are in a more populous neighbourhood than the old."

Pineapples.

There are 42,14 acres under pineapples, in 94 holdings, each holding subdivided into smaller lots. Compensation will be made by Government at the evacuation at \$20 per 1,000 growing pineapples, irrespective of age, and in order to encourage the owners to carry on the industry elsewhere, they will have the option of removing the plants. The new villages have where possible been sited with reference to their suitability for pineapple growing, and their proximity to land suitable for forestry and grass-cutting.

Graves will not be interfered with; except where they are within the area to be inundated, when they will be removed by the villagers. No new graves will be allowed.

Total Cost.

The total cost is therefore:—Resumption for sites, \$3,849,31; site-preparation, \$31,500; wells, \$2,400; houses, \$170,148 and \$3,346; agricultural resumptions, \$54,122,47; forestry resumptions, \$15,250; pineapple resumptions, \$8,428; fung shui or fruit trees, \$2,165; incidental expenses, \$700; total, \$296,898.78.

FATAL FLIGHT RECALLED.**NAVAL OFFICER'S BODY FOUND.**

Ventura (Calif.), Feb. 16.

The body of a man believed to be that of Lieut. Vilas R. Knope, San Diego naval officer who navigated in the ill-fated biplane, Miss Doran, in the Dole air race from San Francisco to Honolulu, was washed ashore here to-day. Identification was impossible; except that pieces of clothing were identified as being parts of a naval uniform.

The Miss Doran left San Francisco last Aug. 12, but never reached its destination, nor was any trace of it ever found. The ship was named after its passenger, Miss Mildred Doran, a school teacher, John Pedlar was pilot.

FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—"The anticyclone has weakened. It is now central to the East of Shanghai. A depression is shown to the North-east of Japan. Strong monsoon may be expected over the China Sea. The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds fresh; fair."

MR. HOOVER FOR PRESIDENT.**BITTER CAMPAIGN EXPECTED TO RESULT.****REPUBLICAN SPLIT.**

Washington, Feb. 12. The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Herbert Hoover, to-day became an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

The declaration of his candidacy was contained in a letter to Mr. T. S. Brown, chairman of the Ohio Hoover for president committee, in which he gave his Ohio supporters permission to enter his name in the Ohio primary election.

The letter said: "I should consider it my duty to carry forward the principles of the Republican party and the great objectives of President Coolidge's policies. My conviction that I should not strive for the nomination and my obligations as secretary of commerce preclude me from making a personal campaign. I must rely upon my friends in Ohio to conduct it in a fair manner."

Observers interpreted Mr. Hoover's entry into the presidential campaign as the beginning of a sharp contest between him and Senator Willis, of Ohio, who previously had announced his candidacy.

When informed that Secretary Hoover had entered the Ohio presidential primary, Senator Willis said that he was ready for the contest, perfectly confident of the result.

"The people of Ohio know about my Republicanism," he asserted. "I've been there all my life. My policies and platform are well known. When the primary is over Mr. Hoover will know then whether these self-appointed friends of his who dragged him into this contest apparently against his wishes, have been advised correctly."

Bitter Primary Campaign.

Columbus, Feb. 12. As a result of Secretary Hoover's entry into the presidential campaign to-day, one of the most bitterly fought presidential primaries in the history of the state has been predicted.

Mr. Fred W. Warner, chairman of the state central committee, warned that the Hoover movement will disrupt the party and deliver the state into the hands of the Democrats next fall, because "the politicians handling Hoover's campaign will go through the state promising all the appointments possible to swing votes to Hoover."

MURDER OF AGED WOMAN.

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attempt to protect her lover, but the final story could not be so explained.

Obviously False.

His Lordship added that he did not think her final story was one that could be wholly believed, nor did it satisfactorily cover all the circumstances of the case. Her explanation of having herself put blood on one of the choppers seemed obviously false and she had made a statement to the police magistrate which also seemed to be obviously false. It seemed to be difficult to avoid coming to the conclusion that the prisoner had assisted a man to the extent of using one of the choppers herself.

Remarking that it was entirely in the hands of the jury, his Lordship said the case was of a most serious nature, as sentence of death would have to be passed if a verdict of "Guilty" were returned.

The jury retired for 14 minutes, and, on returning, brought in a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty." The prisoner was accordingly discharged.

New Zealand's exports for the year 1927 totalled \$28,496,364 and imports £44,782,946, showing an excess of exports over imports of £3,713,408. The figures for the previous year showed an excess of imports of nearly £6,000,000.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to today's questions:

1. To study the methods of handling and distributing Canadian products in Great Britain. 2. A 100-ton airship, "Falcon," will be built at the college. 3. A standard form of building contract has been agreed upon by the institutions representing architects, engineers, contractors, 4. The architect of the new Parliament building is Sir Herbert Baker. 5. The architect of the new British Embassy in Washington is Sir Reginald Blomfield. 6. Milton Webster; Verdi; Charles Raine; Ley; Gibson; 7. (a) An exhibition; (b) a national festival; (c) a Nitro-chemicals; 8. Frank Hale; Miller; Rembrandt; Sir Joshua Reynolds; Raphael; 10. (a) Asia; (b) Africa; 11. It is the largest number which will divide into two, leaving no remainder; 12. Ghadab.

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